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Moss Evans 'will stay' to handle rigging claims

Todd agrees to re-run of TGWU ballot

By Peter Hetherington and John Ardill

A new election for the leadership of the Transport and General Workers' Union looks likely after the statement last night by the successful candidate in last year's ballot, Mr Ron Todd, that he would favour a re-run to clear the air of ballot-rigging allegations.

Mr Todd's statement coincided with a hint from the retiring general secretary, Mr Moss Evans, that he might have to delay his departure to deal with the election problem.

Mr Evans accused the election runner-up, Mr George Wright, who is to see him on Thursday about the allegations, of not leaving him enough time to deal with the issue. He said it put in question whether Mr Todd could take over the job on the due date at the end of the union's biennial conference in June.

Mr Todd, speaking in Inverness on the eve of the Scottish TUC, said it was vital that the affair should be quickly resolved so that the TGWU could return to normality.

He was clearly upset when he asked why it had taken 11 months for the allegations of ballot-rigging to surface. He also said he was concerned at the pressure being endured by Mr Evans.

He said he would support another election because it was vital for the union's leader to have the full trust, confidence and assistance of the membership. He declined to answer any specific questions but several times stressed the need for TGWU unity after six years of Conservative government, when the union would be facing a "mass of problems."

Mr Ron Todd — decision for executive

Since the row blew up, Mr Todd said, he had been insisting that only the union's internal machinery could handle the complaints. "If there are any complaints that is a matter to be referred to the general secretary in specific detail. But I want to place on record my view that if and when that takes place, then only the general executive council of the union will determine if there is going to be another ballot. My personal view is that I would support it if they decide to have another election."

Mr Evans was strongly critical of Mr Wright, who called last Thursday for a new ballot, for refusing to see him before Thursday this week and for preparing evidence of irregularities in five of the union's regions without prior warning.

Mr Evans told the Guardian that Mr Todd, who has been general secretary elect for 11 months, "must be going through agony." He added: "This thing is going to take a long time to get settled, to discover whether there should be a rerun. It's a matter for the executive, not for me."

Asked if it would mean delaying his retirement, Mr Evans said: "I don't know. It's a matter for the executive. They have left me so little time."

He said of Mr Wright: "I cut short my visit to the US and cancelled by visit to the Scottish TUC and invited George to come and give his evidence to me on Monday. I've had a telex from him saying that he is unable to be with me until Thursday. And I understand from the newspapers that he is now, after 11 months, preparing the evidence that he is going to give to me. I don't want to be unkind, but if he's anything like a decent colleague he would have told me before now, which is within a weeks of my retirement.

"He knows perfectly well that I can't declare an amnesty for those who he says are guilty of malpractice and have a rerun. Even the Jockey Club doesn't declare a race null and void without an inquiry."

He added: "If he has got any positive serious case that I can get my teeth into, I promise that I will deal with it, but I can't just order a rerun without an inquiry. So why doesn't he come and see me on Mon-

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Jenkins attacks Victorian values

By Colin Brown, Political Staff.

THE Bishop of Durham last night delivered his most vehement condemnation of the Government's political philosophy with a lecture which is likely to increase demands for his resignation.

Conservative backbench MPs who were prepared to tolerate the Rt. Rev. David Jenkins's earlier comments about the Resurrection, the miners' strike and unemployment, last night said the time had come for the Archbishop of Canterbury to sack him.

Bishop Jenkins in a BBC Radio Four lecture criticised the extreme right and left wings of British politics and made scathing attacks on Victorian values — a clear reference to some of the Prime Minister's beliefs.

Advancing the cause of a "liberation theology" in Britain, he said: "To return to the ethics of 19th century entrepreneurial individualism is either nostalgic nonsense or else a firm declaration that individual selfishness and organised greed are the only effective motivations for human behaviour."

The Bishop's lecture follows growing criticism from Tory leaders and other bishops who disagree with his teaching on the Bible, but it develops his political views more fully. He says that, while British liberation theology will take some of the diagnoses of Marxism very seriously, it will not in any way be dominated by Marxism.

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By suggesting, even in passing, that his theology of liberation should take some Marxist diagnoses Bishop Jenkins opened himself up to attack for being a cleric with Communist sympathies.

Conservative MPs were ready to seize on this part of his lecture last night but turned their annoyance to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, for allowing the bishop to continue in his office.

"There's nothing we can do apart from object," said one leading Tory backbench critic, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP for Selly Oak. "The Archbishop of Canterbury should tell him to go.

The political controversy caused by the bishop's lecture is likely to be heightened by the return of Parliament after the Easter recess. There were signs that the Tory leadership, particularly Mr John Gummer, chairman of the party and a member of the Church of England's General Synod, is growing tired of countering the bishop's attacks on government policy.

It is believed that Mr Gummer had decided against rising to the religious and political bait provided by the bishop's recent utterances.

But Mr Gummer will be under increased pressure to

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NAZI-BASHING: During a meeting of the Swedish Nazi Party (Nordiska Rikspartiet) in Waxjo yesterday, 10 young Nazis were attacked and beaten by some of the 2,000 people who taunted them in the streets. The young Nazis were eventually taken by police to the railway station and locked in for their own protection

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The things Mrs Thatcher says when she is abroad bespeak a patronising contempt for her own citizens which will have startled rather than impressed her Asian visitors. Hugo Young considers two essays in foreign affairs. Page 12

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THE vetting of all foreign embassy staff before they are allowed to live in Britain is among measures expected soon to deal with crimes committed by diplomats. Back page.

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NEAR panic buying in the 1970s means that Britain now has its own uranium mountain. Page 3.

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Clarke keen to end restrictions on GPs

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

The Government wants to rewrite the contracts of the country's 23,600 family doctors as part of a radical change to open up the GP service to internal competition and encourage private practice.

Proposals being studied include ending restrictions on private practice such as the one imposed by the Wilson Labour government which limits work by doctors in health centres. This affects 20 per cent, or 4,600 doctors.

More controversial proposals include relaxing the ban on charges doctors can make. Rather than introduce measures such as charging to visit patients the Health Minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, favours encouraging doctors to introduce new services for patients.

Examples include private health checks — which a GP could do more cheaply than BUPA's health centres, and charging those women who could afford it for cervical smears.

The changes, to be put forward in a green paper this summer, will amount to the first substantial review of the family doctor service since it was set up in 1948.

Reform of doctors' contracts — which run to hundreds of pages of regulations — is seen as the catalyst to change the system rather than the introduction of a national voucher scheme or mass advertising.

Mr Clarke is recommending that Department of Health civil servants should draw up a final version for publication after the social security reviews are released by Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, next month

The present GP contract strictly limits the right of doctors to take on private patients, make charges for extra services, advertise or provide information, and also restricts patients from changing doctors easily, except when they move.

It is understood that Mr Clarke has instructed his civil servants to study every section of the contract to see how the regulations can be relaxed to encourage competition.

The result would be to generate more income for doctors, particularly in the prosperous suburbs and shires. At the same time patients would be told that they had more freedom of choice over extra services.

Mr Clarke also wants to make it easier for patients to change doctors in the same town and to be able to complain about services without having initially to face their own GP.

The overall effect of these reforms would put doctors' services more in line with dentists'. Patients would receive part of their treatment on the National Health Service and would pay for some individual items.

It would also have the attraction of allowing the Government to impose cash limits on the family doctor service, something it has so far felt unable to do because of the spectre of patients being turned away at surgery doors. If doctors had an alternative source of income the sort of restrictions imposed on hospital services might be possible for GPs.

Mr Clarke is under pressure from the Prime Minister's office to go further and encourage the development of rival, private surgeries.

Mr Clarke — who has no personal private health insurance — has resisted such moves and is backed by Mr Fowler in implementing any change which would abolish parts of the NHS.

Labour rebels defiant on black sections

By Stephen Cook

Delegates from 24 constituency Labour parties decided yesterday to continue their defiance of the party's national executive committee over the issue of black sections, and to organise "direct action."

The first such action is likely to be a demonstration in the Lewisham East constituency in south London on April 27, when the party's national agent arrives to try to solve a reselection row.

The national executive has told the Lewisham East party that its choice of a prospective MP will not be valid if it chooses from the two candidates who have been approved with the participation of the local black section.

Another five constituency parties who have changed their rules in defiance of the NEC to set up black sections, along the lines of women's sections and young socialists, are likely to experience similar confrontations shortly.

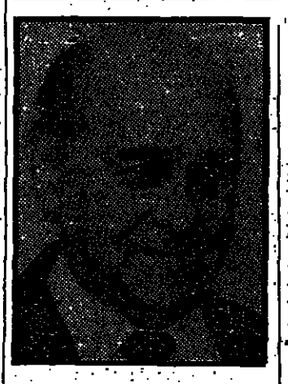
They are Hornsey and Wood Green, Vauxhall, Nottingham East, Newham North-west and Deptford. Mr Marc Wadsworth, chairman of Vauxhall black sections, said yesterday: "The selection question has been introduced by the leadership. Our battle is for representation and justice."

Ms Linda Bellos, vice-chairman of the national committee of black sections, said that the leadership's handling of the issue was heavy-handed and inept and would lead it into political difficulty and embarrassment. "Black people have always had to break rules to get anywhere," she added.

Other delegates said that there were 53 Labour MPs who would not have gained their seats without the support of black people. If the Labour Party did not take seriously demands for equal representation and a legislative programme to reduce racial disadvantage there would be widespread abstention by black voters at the next election.

Mr Neil James, secretary of Nottingham East black section, said there had been calls for black people to abstain in the forthcoming county council elections in Nottinghamshire because the Labour programme did not deal with the problems of black people.

A working party on black involvement in the Labour Party, set up by last year's annual conference and due to report to this year's conference, is expected to give a guarded welcome to black sections of some kind. But there is intense opposition in the NEC, the leadership, the trade unions and Militant.



THE condition of the critically ill president-elect of Brazil, Mr Tancredo Neves, (above), worsened yesterday after his seventh operation in a month. Last night he had a fever and increasing lung problems and was still linked to a kidney machine and oxygen supply. In all, Mr Neves, aged 75, has undergone 29 operations since emergency abdominal surgery on the eve of his planned inauguration on March 15 prevented him from taking office as Brazil's first elected president for 21 years.

Thatcher set to turn on Labour critics

By Colin Brown, Political Staff.

Mrs Thatcher returned to Britain last night, apparently ready to ignore the advice of her Cabinet colleagues and attack Opposition critics who were offended by comments she made during her tour of the Far East about "seeing off" the miners' dispute.

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The Prime Minister is expected to round on her critics in a statement to the Commons tomorrow, and to attack Labour spokesmen for undermining her efforts to beat the drum for British exports abroad.

However, her Cabinet colleagues last night took the view that it would be better for her to ignore the attacks. Ministers felt that by the time the statement on her tour is made the Commons, having returned from the Easter recess, will have more to concern itself with than whether Mrs Thatcher was in Indonesia or Malaysia.

Even Mrs Thatcher's most loyal backbenchers feel that the tour was too strenuous, and that she was wrong to try to fit so much into it. The breakdown of her voice during a key speech was regarded as evidence that the tour was too taxing, even though she put her lapse down to a combination of a cold and Sri Lankan air conditioning.

Labour spokesmen are convinced that the tour demonstrated Mrs Thatcher's lack of tact in foreign affairs, and showed that she had become detached from domestic issues. They are likely to try to capitalise on the growing concern among Tories that Mrs Thatcher's combative image could be damaging in the run-up to a general election fought

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Captured suicide bomber 'not a believer'

From Ian Black in Jerusalem

The would-be Shi'ite suicide bomber captured by Israelis in southern Lebanon has said that he was not motivated by religious fervour but was forced to accept a mission to drive an explosives-laden car into an Israeli army convoy.

According to Israeli media reports yesterday the bomber, Mohammed Bourro, aged 15, although a Shi'ite Muslim, was not religious at all, and was made to undertake the suicide mission to get his father out of trouble.

Bourro was captured, together with a Mercedes car packed with 200lb of explosives, in an Israeli raid on the village of Sir al-Gharbiyeh, east of the port city of Tyre on February 23.

According to a report on the Arabic service of Israel's state-run television station last night, the youth told his Israeli interrogators that he ate pork, never went to the mosque, and enjoyed the bright lights of Beirut, especially video parlours. "I am not religious and I do not pray," he said.

The youth, who appeared confident and at ease during the TV interview, said that he was employed as a fireman with the civil guard of the Shi'ite Amal militia in the Lebanese capital and had no contact with fundamentalist organisations like the Iranian-backed Hezbollah or the Islamic Jihad, groups which were widely assumed to have been behind suicide attacks.

Live suicide bombers being, by definition, fairly rare birds, Bourro is something of a catch for the Israelis, and the extensive publicity he received yesterday was clearly intended to demolish some conventional wisdoms about the strength and motivation of "fanatical" Shi'ite resistance in south Lebanon.

The young man's appearance follows pre-recorded interviews on Lebanese and Syrian television with two successful suicide bombers who together killed 15 soldiers in attacks on the Israeli army convoys. Both bombers said they were motivated by loyalty to a secular pro-Syrian Lebanese political organisation.

Burro said that his father, a policeman, knocked down the daughter of an Amal leader in Beirut and was himself injured in the accident. Amal managed to close the police file on the case and "convince" the girl's family to drop all financial claims. The movement also arranged medical treatment for the father, provided that Bourro would drive the suicide car.

Bourro told his interrogators that he was given two days of spiritual and practical preparation for the mission, including driving lessons and how to assemble a Kalashnikov assault rifle. He was given a flak jacket.

"There were two buttons on the side of the steering wheel," he said. "I was told there was an iron wall and 50 per cent chances of survival. I did not believe I would die as a martyr. Amal trapped me. They said that my father would be killed or gaoled."

Asked if he believed in an after-life paradise for Shi'ite martyrs, he replied: "No one has gone there and come back."

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Board statement praises good sense of majority of workforce

MacGregor asks for evidence of pit intimidation

By John Ardill,
Labour Correspondent

The National Coal Board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, has appealed to miners for evidence of intimidation or attacks on employees. The request was made in a weekend statement reaffirming the board's intention to take "resolute action" against offenders.

Mr MacGregor said the board would not tolerate any intimidation of individual workmen or groups of employees. The board was equally concerned to prevent any incidents of violence or intimidation to former working miners or strikers.

In a statement setting out instances of dismissal, he said that because of firm action already taken "and the good sense of the overwhelming majority of miners," reported incidents had been very few and were getting fewer.

Underlining the difficulty experienced by the board and individual miners in getting evidence of offences, he said: "I urge everyone in the industry to tell his manager about any incidents of physical or verbal abuse. It would also be helpful to have any positive information and evidence from reporters who are writing on this subject."

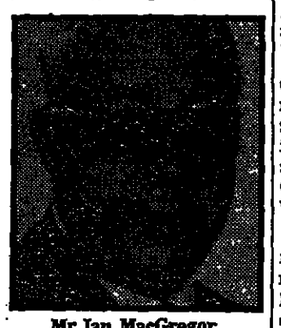
He cited an allegation that a man had been struck on the head with a hammer while in the cage going down a Kent pit. The manager carried out a thorough investigation and interviewed the 20 people in the cage at the time but no one identified the culprit.

Mr MacGregor said that few calls had been made on a Freefone service set up to help miners with complaints to contact management. "Only in a few places have problems arisen. I am impressed by the ability of the vast majority of men in the industry

The cases quoted by Mr MacGregor in which action has been taken are: five men dismissed at the Phurnacite works in South Wales after incidents involving another workman; four dismissed at Manvers, South Yorkshire, after an assault on a miner; two dismissed at South Kirkby, Yorkshire, for persistent verbal abuse of workmates; and injunction against 39 dismissed Kent men preventing them entering the pit or assaulting or intimidating board employees.

Mr Tony Ellis, vice-president of the National Working Miners Committee, said yesterday that he was worried about proposed NUM rule changes which include the NUM president, Mr Arthur Scargill, giving up his vote on the union's executive so that he does not have to face reelection.

● A strike-breaking miner whose home was attacked at the weekend was arrested yesterday. Keith Mettan, aged 37, will appear before Rotherham magistrates today, accused of threatening to commit damage to a neighbour's house. The neighbour, Alan Finney, was also arrested yesterday and will appear in court, charged with threatening behaviour.



Mr Ian MacGregor — 'burying differences'

Lakeland's shadow—a picture of decay

THE LOCAL ELECTIONS

Peter Hetherington finds the two main parties neck and neck in a Cumbria campaign focused on rival solutions to industrial decline

IN THE dripping corridor of a condemned primary school, Neil Kinnock is addressing a group of anxious parents: "Teachers and children should not be subjected to the hazards and ugliness of a building that is clearly coming down in bits around their ears."

He has inspected the cracks in the buckled walls, sidestepped the scaffolding holding up the classroom ceiling and felt water bouncing off his head. He says it is all an affront to a supposedly civilised society. Labour's chief environment spokesman, Dr John Cunningham, who has brought Mr Kinnock to this Copeland constituency, is quick to say that the 280-pupil school is no exception. "The county is littered with buildings like this," he claims.

Montreal Primary School, in Cleator Moor, which was built as a temporary measure over 30 years ago, lies only a few miles behind the Cumbrian mountains and the tourist traps of the National Park — yet it is a world away from the popular image of Lakeland.

England's second largest county also harbours industrial decay, high unemployment in the west and, Dr Cunningham maintains, a legacy of neglect which is now being slowly tackled. But for how long?

Mr Harold Blair, the young head of Montreal's junior section, believes the promised replacement school — which a hard-pressed Cumbria says it can ill afford because of Government cutbacks — is dependent on the county elections on May 2. Hence Mr Kinnock's visit.

For Labour, the school has become a symbol of its fight to improve services in a county which had always been controlled by a loose Conservative independent alliance — like the old Cumberland and Westmorland counties it absorbed — until 1981. The Government has cut Cumbria's capital spending by 14 per cent this year.

Labour, which took control in 1981 with an overall majority of one, is determined to press ahead as best it can. It has 42 councillors against the combined opposition strength of 41. Thirty-five Tory, three Liberals, and three Independents, although one Labour member has resigned the party whip, making the chairman's casting vote crucial.

Conservatives are committed to "efficiency savings" — sweeping privatisation as well, says Labour.

Cumbria, pop. 483,000, stretching from the Scottish border to Lancashire and from the northern Pennines in the east to the Solway Firth, is by any standards a cumbersome county to administer.

It is divided socially and politically, as well as geographically, by the Lakeland peaks. In the narrow western strip between the mountains and the Solway it is largely Labour territory.

But in the bulk of the country, incorporating Lakeland, border fells, the Pennines and the score of market towns, Conservative loyalties are strong, and there is also a deep strain of Liberalism in the old Westmorland county and north Cumbria.

The county has three Labour and three Tory MPs and one constituency, Barrow, could hold the key to the outcome of the May 2 election. By common consent Barrow, home of the Vickers shipyard where the Trident submarines will be built, was lost by Labour in 1983 because voters objected to the party's unilateralist defence policy. And they included many of the 12,000 shipyard workers.

While the rest of Cumbria retains a moderate Labour image, the left-right divisions in the Barrow party have been well publicised locally over the past 12 months.

Matters came to a head when, to the alarm of the Cumbria Labour party, three leading county councillors in the town were dropped and replaced by younger activists.

The Barrow row could make Labour's task more difficult but the council leader, Mr Hugh Little, from Carlisle, says he is not downhearted. "We have already taken on the powerful vested interests in this county — and that means the Establishment of this country — and that's no mean feat."

In this category he includes the amiable Conservative leader, Mr Trevor Farrer from Kendal, a farmer with extensive holdings, who acknowledges that he is a Thatcherite on economic policy while a Liberal on some social issues.

Both main parties talk privately of the prospect of a hung council after May 2, but both rule out deals with third parties, like the Liberal/SDP Alliance, which is fielding 33 candidates, 27 Liberals and six SDP.

The Alliance is in confident mood, particularly after the Penrith and Border byelection in July, 1983, when the Liberals came within 552 votes of unseating the Tories after the ennoblement of Viscount Whitelaw.

Duffy defiant on ballot cash

By Patrick Wintour,
Labour Staff

The engineering union president, Mr Terry Duffy, said last night he would defy any decision by the union's policy-making national committee instructing him not to take Government money for postal ballot elections.

The union is expecting to receive a cheque for over £1 million from the Government later this week to cover the cost of ballots held between March 1981 and September 1984. But leftwingers on the national committee, which meets in Eastbourne today, plan to order the leadership not to take the money.

Mr Duffy said: "If the national committee says that I should hand the money back I give you a categorical assurance that I will not be giving it back." The engineering union's million-strong membership voted earlier this year by a majority of 12 to one in a postal ballot to accept Government money, even though this placed the union in defiance of TUC policy and was in opposition to existing national committee policy.

Mr Duffy and the executive claim that the ballot result takes precedence over policy of the national committee. Mr Gavin Laird, the union's general secretary, said that there was no constitutional dubiety, as the left claimed.

40 years on

A German pastor who was ordained 40 years ago in a prisoner-of-war camp in Britain yesterday celebrated an anniversary evensong at St Andrew's Church, Horbling, Lincolnshire. Pastor Manfred Knodt is head of a church in Darmstadt.

Rocky outpost

Mr Tom McClean wants to spend six months on Britain's loneliest island, Rockall, in the north Atlantic, 240 miles west of the Hebrides. Mr McClean, who in 1983 rowed the Atlantic in a boat 7ft 9in long, has applied for planning permission to erect a temporary shelter for six months' occupation.

Circus ban

The parks and recreation committee in Stoke on Trent has banned a circus from visiting the city next November, after allegations that it was a degrading spectacle to use performing animals.

Badger attack

Candida Lycett Green, the daughter of the former Poet Laureate, Sir John Betjeman, is being attacked by animal organisations for planning to build a holiday home on a long-established badger sett in Rock, Cornwall.

CRASH PRACTICE: Firemen rescue a "casualty" from the wreck of a train in a make-believe accident. The "disaster" was staged at St Pancras in London yesterday to test the preparedness of rail staff and the emergency services. Picture by Graham Turner

Union leaders warn NE of rate-cap targets

Labour councils in the North-east will be hit heavily in the next round of government rate-capping in 1986, according to a leaked document circulating at the first committee meeting of a new grouping of local authority shop stewards.

"The North-east and Liverpool are on the list, we understand, and we will be getting in touch with the shop stewards at all the authorities on the list to publicise the aims and methods of our organisation," said Mr Ian Lowes, the secretary of the National Local Authorities Co-ordinating Committee.

Under the chairmanship of the Lambeth shop stewards leader, Mr Jim O'Brien, 28 delegates representing more than 300,000 workers at 19 councils attended the inaugural meeting at Sheffield. All the authorities writee Labour-controlled, including Greater London Council, the Inner London Education Authority, Liverpool, Manchester, Leicester, South Tyneside, and most London councils.

A publicity campaign is to be launched throughout the nation and it is hoped to increase membership befcre next month's meeting in Leicester.

It had been thought that the new group which will co-ordinate sympathetic strike action should any council worker or councillor be threatened by the Government's grant and rate-capping legislation, would be called into action soon to back the co-ordinated defiance of Labour-run councils.

But Mr Lowes said yesterday that the sparks could come from trade union opposition to redundancies at a Tory-run council, particularly under the increased government pressure for privatisation.

Meacher aims to set agenda with full reform package for social security

By Colin Brown,
Political Staff

Mr Michael Meacher, the shadow social services secretary, claimed last night that he would set the agenda for the reform of the social security system with the publication of proposals in advance of the Government's own package.

The main proposals to be announced by Mr Meacher at Westminster today include the ending of all mortgage tax relief for owner-occupiers and its replacement by housing benefit, increases in child benefit for all couples, and the abolition of the married man's tax allowance.

The Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, will publish his own review of the social security system early in May after gaining the approval of the Cabinet for his final proposals, which the opposition believe will result in total cuts of between £1 billion and £3 billion.

Ministers yesterday criticised Mr Meacher's proposals for being uncosted. He insisted that it was possible to introduce them without a net increase in the total social security budget, partly because they would be introduced with a progressive tax system which would take back tax benefits from the better off.

Improved benefits would replace supplementary benefit which would be abolished and means testing would be ended.

Other items in the package will be the introduction of a new one-parent family benefit and a special payment to 16-year-olds to stay at school.

The proposals follow recommendations from five study groups paralleling reviews ordered by Mr Fowler.

Mr Fowler is expected to concentrate extra resources on families with children while taking benefits from the better off.

Child benefit is likely to be maintained without being taxed but the numbers receiving housing benefit will be reduced. The report on housing benefit will be open to change if the Government produces the promised reform of the rating system.

It is understood plans to cut supplementary benefit from jobless 16 to 18-year-olds have been given more thought after the Treasury objected that it would cost more to put them on youth training schemes.

Elderly face quiz over extra benefits

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

Disturbed elderly and handicapped people seeking social security to pay for private home places could lose up to £30 a week benefit unless they understand a complex new questionnaire.

From April 29 they will be required to persuade proprietors to help them to answer 14 questions about the homes so that they can get the extra cash.

The questions ask if the home is registered under English or Scottish Acts of Parliament and whether it looks after the mentally ill, drug addicts, alcoholics, or the mentally handicapped.

The questionnaire comes into force as Mr Tony Newton, the Social Security Minister, brings in savings of £70 million on the social security bill by imposing national limits for all residential homes, hostels, nursing homes and board and lodging hotels.

In some private old people's homes the rate for new admissions will fall from £215 a week to £110 from April 29.

Law threat to council after fight

By a Correspondent

BRADFORD council may face legal action from the British National Party for halting its election meeting on Saturday after fighting broke out.

The council's acting chief executive, Mr Brian McAndrew, stopped the meeting at Hutton Middle School, Bradford, after only 15 minutes after violence flared up when Mr John Tyndall, national chairman of the BNP, leapt from the platform and asked police to eject three people for persistently causing disruption.

Demonstrators rushed to the aid of the three young men as police grabbed them. BNP supporters and opponents traded punches chairs were thrown about the room. Mr Tyndall was kicked on a leg and it took police five minutes to quell the fighting.

Thirteen people were arrested and three policemen and some demonstrators were injured.

The BNP organised the meeting in support of Mr Stanley Clayton-Garnett, a former Bradford headmaster who is its candidate in a West Yorkshire County byelection. Voting is on Thursday.

Labour members of Bradford council had tried to veto the booking of the school by the BNP because of the risks of violence.

Council report

In the report on Cheshire County Council last Friday it was stated that several Labour dissidents were challenging the party's official candidates in the Crewe and Warrington areas. The party has pointed out that one Independent withdrew his nomination while others have not carried out their threat, although one Independent is standing against Labour in Runcorn.

Welsh vote effort by Labour

By Tony Heath

The Labour Party signalled the start of a campaign to revive its fortunes in rural Wales with a conference at the weekend which included a demand that farmers must protect the environment.

Labour won 32 of the principality's 36 seats in 1966, 20 of 38 in 1983 and is now thinly represented outside industrial strongholds.

Mr John accused the Conservatives of introducing measures which threatened to break up rural communities. But it was his insistence on the need to recognise environmental interests with those of agriculture which staked out Labour's new approach to rural voters.

"For 40 years agriculture's remit has been to produce as much as possible. That remit no longer applies and we have to say to farmers that they have a duty to the environment," he declared.

He said the changed situation should be recognised by transferring responsibility for conservation to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Environmental considerations were also raised at the weekend by Welsh dairy farmers hit by EEC milk quotas, one of the conference's main concerns.

Discussions between the conservation group Greenpeace and representatives of the militant Dyfed Farmers' Action Group in London last week resulted in the emergence of a common interest unlikely before the quota system was introduced last year.

Mr Mark Glover of Greenpeace claimed yesterday that capital grants benefited large organisations which swallowed up small farms.

Mr Louie Friedman says his 50 milkers in Dyfed make him a typical West Wales dairy farmer, and he backs the conservationist analysis, recounting how banks used to encourage expansion: "You couldn't go near a bank without being urged to put in another milking parlour."

OBITUARY

Noele Gordon —star of Crossroads

NOELE GORDON, the actress best known as a star of the Crossroads television serial, died in hospital in Birmingham yesterday, aged 61. She had been ill for more than a year after an operation for stomach cancer.

She became nationally known in the part of Meg Richardson, owner of the Crossroads motel, in the ATV series, later taken over by Central.

A close friend, Mr Geoff Lancashire, aged 66, a hotelier in Ross-on-Wye Herefordshire, said yesterday that she modelled the character on his wife, Edna. Noele Gordon got to know the couple through work for the British Empire cancer campaign in the 1950s and spent virtually every Christmas with them.

After she was sacked from the programme after 18 years in 1981, amid much publicity, she returned to the West End stage in the musical Call Me Madam. She was taken ill again with cancer early last year while performing in No No Nanette in Plymouth.

Mr Jack Barton, producer of Crossroads for 17 yeas, said of her yesterday: "Noele was in the mould of the great Hollywood stars. She was blessed with the charismatic star quality and was a great professional hwo cared passionately about her work."

Actors in the series also paid tribute to her work and her friendship. Her television daughter, Jane Rossington, said: "Nolly had such great spirit that she seemed indestructible. She was very much a second mother to me, and also a great friend."

Miss Gordon was born in Ilford, Essex, and after training at RADA, made her first appearance at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith, in 1938. Then she acted in repertory, returning to London to appear in various revues in the 1940s. In 1944 she first played principal boy in pantomime, becoming a frequent exponent of the art. She appeared in the first of many films in 1944.

Miners shun royal fete

By Martin Wainwright

THE apple-bobbing and hoopla may be a little subdued at a garden party in May which features the first-ever royal visit to a Yorkshire pit village. Financial straits and a mistrust of the establishment after the year-long coal strike appear to be sabotaging ticket sales.

Princess Anne is due in the village of Dinnington, near Rotherham, on May 31 to accept a cheque for £15,000 raised by the local branch of the Save the Children Fund. Although the money was given by local people, including miners on strike, the charity's organisers have sold only 500 tickets, leaving 3,500.

"If Princess Anne had two heads I would not be turning out to see her," said Mr Ken Moulds, branch delegate of the National Union of Mineworkers at the local pit. "After being on strike for a year and seeing something of the Establishment, most miners are not enamoured."

A local councillor, Ms Mary Wainwright, said that she thought the price of the tickets, £2.50 for adults and £1.25 for children, was more of a deterrent than any political feelings.

"I don't believe the response is because people are anti-royal," she said. "But to see the princess will cost a family of four £7.50 and it's money they just haven't got."

Mr Moulds agreed that local miners were still deep in debt and had many other priorities before turning out for a royal visit.

"One man has just picked up £8 after a week's work because he is paying double rent and other debts," he said. "Others are being pressed by building societies to pay off arrears."

The local president of Save the Children, Mr Richard Dean, agreed that ticket sales had been slow but remained optimistic about the garden party.

"As the day draws nearer tickets will sell like hot cakes," he said.

Indians urge quota talks

By Susan Tirbutt

The Federation of Indian Organisations wants to meet the Home Secretary, to press for an end to the "racially discriminatory" immigration quota system, after Mr Leon Brittan's announcement of a review of insructions to immigration control staff.

A letter to Mr Brittan from Mr Tara Mukherjee, the federation's president, says the present quota system increases racialism in this country by discriminating against non-white British passport holders.

"The attitude of successive governments towards non-white immigrants coming into this country affects the attitude of the indigenous population towards people already settled here," Mr Mukherjee said.

That attitude led to racial discrimination in employment, shown by the disparity in the number of jobless whites and blacks, and racialism in education and housing.

The meeting is being sought in cooperation with representatives of other organisations such as the Federation of Bangladeshi Organisations, the Standing Conference of West Indian Organisations, the Indian Workers Association and the Standing Conference of Pakistani Organisations.

Channel 4 accused of bias after programme on fat and health is banned

By Penny Chorlton

THE Independent Broadcasting Authority has been asked to intervene in a row between Channel 4 and the makers of a programme which questions whether fat is dangerous.

Channel 4 has banned the programme, which it describes as shoddy but the programme-makers and some of the participants say the ban is because they challenge medical orthodoxy.

The hour-long programme, which was scheduled to be screened next month suggests that eating fatty foods does not necessarily cause heart disease. Three out of seven experts on the programme endorse this view and say that a casual link between fat and coronary heart disease has yet to be conclusively proved. Until it is, the programme suggests, it is wrong for health policy to be based on the supposition that eating fatty foods is dangerous to the heart.

It says the population generally will benefit little from cutting down on fat intake and that resources should instead be channelled into identifying the five per cent of people who are at risk and putting them on a low-fat diet.

The programme-makers, Meditel, say they believe the programme has been banned because Channel 4's commissioning editor, Carol Haslem, disagrees with its conclusions.

"She is on record as an accredited campaigner who promotes the alleged link between coronary heart disease and diet," said Jad Adams, associate producer of Meditel, yesterday. "There is nothing wrong with that as long as she also permits honest scientific doubts to be aired.

Ms Haslem denied that the ban had anything to do with her views and said she had helped to broadcast dozens of programmes with which she disagreed.

"It's not a question of not allowing unorthodox views," she said. "This programme claims it is going to make a thorough, balanced examination of the scientific evidence on this issue and it does not. I have shown the script to outsiders and they agree." She added that the programme was a shoddy piece of work and did not have the level of journalistic quality Channel 4 expected from the makers.

Both the leading cardiologists who question the establishment view and anti-fat health policy in the programme have written to the IBA urging them to lift the ban.

Professor Michael Oliver of Edinburgh University, the president of the British Cardiac Society, says that the public has a right to know about the controversy and the fact that not all experts believe people who want to avoid heart disease may do so by cutting down on fat.

Professor John Hampton, who heads the cardiology department at Nottingham University, has also written to the IBA, pointing out that it is only "circumstantial" evidence on which current appears in the programme, health policies are based.

Dr James Le Fanu, a GP and medical journalist, who said yesterday that the two massive scientific studies set up in the last decade to prove the link between excessive fat intake and coronary heart disease had both produced negative results.

"It's the only sensible programme that's been made on heart disease because it actually looks at the evidence," he said.

He criticised the policy experts, including the Health Education Council, who he claimed were embarrassed by the possibility of their fundamental beliefs being shown to be falsely based.

"It's a travesty of the truth because if you look for confirmatory evidence it just isn't there. The truth is, we don't know and we ought to shed this false hypothesis and start again."

Channel 4 insists that screening such views in the programme as it stands could "dangerously mislead" viewers.

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Jasmine death may change child care law

The Beckford case coincided with a government review of legislation, writes Malcolm Dean

Jasmine Beckford's death at the hands of her stepfather, like that of Maria Colwell more than a decade ago, could influence a government review of child care legislation now going on.

The working party has drawn up 12 consultative papers and one of its first recommendations — on the *benefits of trying* to rehabilitate children in compulsory care with their natural parents — has a direct bearing on the Beckford case.

There are three categoris of children in the care of local authorities: "volunteers" voluntarily placed there by parents, usually because of some temporary family problem, such as illness; "victims" compulsorily taken in because of abuse, neglect or cruelty; and "villians" placed there for criminal offences.

One concern of the Commons social services select committee, whose report on children in care prompted the working party inquiry, was that social workers were not making enough effort to rehabilitate children with parents.

Most children taken voluntarily into care are soon reunited with their parents, but about 30 per cent are still in care after six months and some 4,000 children have been in care for five years.

The links between parents and children in compulsory care are much more frequently severed, although about 25 per cent spend trial periods with families or friends.

Various family pressure groups campaigning for the rights of natural parents believe that even more children should be rehabilitated with their families.

One option suggested in the select committee's report last November and being examined by the working party, would be to place a general duty on local councils to seek, wherever possible, the rehabilitation of all children in care. The duty at present is restricted to children in voluntary care.

In its first consultative report, the working party notes: "Imposing a specific duty might encourage some local authorities who at present are concentrating less effort on rehabilitation than others. The proportion of children rehabilitated might be increased and the length of their stay in care reduced.

"The implications of bringing compulsory care into the same position as voluntary care with regard to rehabilitation would be that both sets of children can equally benefit from being reunited with their families."

This report was circulated to child care specialists — it has not been formally published — at the end of January, before the trial of Jasmine Beckford's parents, but the risks spotlighted by her death were anticipated.

The report notes: "To expect local authorities to work towards rehabilitation in all cases would be to ignore the many instances where this would be completely inappropriate."

The report suggests local authorities would only have to seek rehabilitation in compulsory care cases "where it appears to them consistent with the welfare of the child."

After the Beckford case this might still be too much for the Government. The select committee was careful not to make rehabilitation a full recommendation but only included it as one option.

The select committee concluded that local councils were aware of "drift," under which many thousands of children have stayed in care without being found alternative families.

Social workers were paying more attention to finding alternative families — foster or adoptive — for children in care, but the committee suggested that this should be matched by a similar commitment to trying to rehabilitate children with parents.

The working party's report notes that for some children "the need to provide protection may override any claim the parents may have to recover their children."

Brent social services department did apply to have the care order on Jasmine Beckford lifted in June, 1983, but Willesden juvenile court refused.

A general duty to rehabilitate would put more pressure on courts to accept such application.

Some 41,000 children were admitted into care in 1982, including 28,000 through voluntary care, 4,600 under compulsory interim care orders, and 2,600 under full care orders.

The killing of Maria Colwell, aged seven, by her stepfather after being removed from foster parents coincided with a review of adoption and foster laws leading to the 1975 Children Act, which strengthened foster parents' rights and social workers' powers.

Comments on the consultative report have to be completed in May.

HIGH-STEPPING white horses descended from the famous Lippizaners at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna lined up for bidders at the dispersal of the breed's only British stud, *writes Penny Chorlton.*

Thirty-two of the Lippizaners, including fillies, colts and mares in foal, were auctioned for between £1,000 and £3,000 each at Gable Farm Stud, near Mayfield, East Sussex, to buyers who had come from as far as Scotland for the sale.

Lippizaners have been used successfully for driving carriages, and there is also interest in their use for dressage.

Leaders of GCHQ unions sit on report

By Richard Norton-Taylor

Civil Service union leaders are refusing to release a special report drawn up by their members about the Government's decision to ban unions at GCHQ because it contains critical comment about their tactics.

Copies of the report have already been sent to delegates who will attend the biennial conference of the Civil Service Union — the union which had most members at GCHQ — at the end of the month.

But 20,000 other copies which were due to be distributed throughout the trade union movement by the council of Civil Service Unions and the TUC have been blocked.

Mr Peter Jones, secretary of the council has been asked to rewrite certain passages which criticise the conduct of the council's main policy committee early last year when it was chaired by Sir Bill McCall, general secretary of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants.

The report criticises the committee for making concessions to the Government, in particular over a no-disruption agreement without gaining any commitment from the Prime Minister and her Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong, that the Government was genuinely seeking a settlement.

Crucial decisions were delayed until after a second meeting with Mrs Thatcher on February 23 last year, the report says. The Government had announced its ban on unions at GCHQ on January 25.

In particular, the main policy committee gave no guidance and guarantees to staff who refused to give up their union membership until six days before the March 1 deadline imposed by the Government the report says.

The row over this criticism of some union leaders has diverted attention from the report's attack on what it describes as the Government's inconsistent defence when challenged in the courts last year.

The report asks why, if industrial action at GCHQ in 1981 pointed to a dangerous conflict of loyalties among staff, did the Government wait so long to act?

No inquiry was set up on the effects of the industrial dispute, although the issue could easily have been referred to the Security Commission.

Government panic led to nuclear surplus

British uranium stocks now far outstrip demand

By Paul Brown

Britain has a uranium surplus bigger in potential energy output than the coal mountain which provided such a cushion for the Government during the miners' strike.

Among the largest stockholders is the Ministry of Defence which now has enough in store for all its needs in the "foreseeable future" including the Trident submarines' engines and missile warheads.

The reason for the large surplus was the near panic of the governments of nuclear nations in the 1970s when it was believed that the expansion of the industry would outstrip the supply of uranium ore.

This led, among other things, to the signing of the contract with Rio Tinto-Zinc's Rossing mine in Namibia when Mr Tony Benn was Energy Secretary.

The row over the contract rumbled on for 10 years but successive Government's refused to cancel it.

The Thatcher Government said United Nation's decrees and strictures on the exploitation of Namibian natural resources before independence were not binding but commercial contracts between the Central Electricity Generating Board and Rio-Tinto Zinc were.

However, it was with some relief that the Government was able to announce two years ago the ending of the Namibian contract and it was confirmed earlier this year that the last delivery under the contract had been made around Christmas.

Sir Walter Marshall: Reprocessing uneconomic

Because of the long-term nature of the Namibian contract and additional contracts with Canadian suppliers Britain was importing far more uranium than it could use. Actual stores are kept secret but estimates of supplies for civil use vary between 6,000 and 10,000 tons. The annual consumption is said to be 1,500 tons

At a recent hearing of the Commons select committee on nuclear waste Sir Walter Marshall, chairman of the CEGB, said that because of the current world surplus of uranium and plutonium it was no longer economic to reprocess spent fuel from the new generation of reactors.

One of the options now being considered by the CEGB is the long-term storage of spent fuel until reprocessing is economic.

Another aspect of the Namibian contract which made it politically embarrassing for successive governments was that it had no restrictions on use. The Canadian and Australian governments both restrict the use of their ore for peaceful purposes.

This did not prove to be a problem for Britain because the Ministry of Defence anticipated this difficulty and bought a strategic reserve from an undisclosed source. This source is almost certainly South Africa.

In the Commons on March 20, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, confirmed the Government's policy not to assist the South African Government with its nuclear weapons or nuclear power programme.

Judges to debate family court idea

By Malcolm Dean

The judiciary and the Bar have agreed to attend a one-day conference next month which the Law Society is organising to push for the creation of a family court.

Ever since the Finer report first proposed a family court 11 years ago barristers and a number of judges have opposed the idea, but now they are to debate the measure with those groups — social workers, solicitors, justices' clerks and the select committee on social services — who have been consistently in favour.

The barristers fear that the reform would allow solicitors a wider right of audience before the courts. Some judges have welcomed the idea but others have baulked at the emphasis on informality, the introduction of special court welfare officers, the switch from adversarial to inquisitorial discourse and the use of lay magistrates sitting alongside the registrars in the lower tier.

The Law Society, which represents some 45,000 solicitors, is suggesting a number of ways the family court could be organised. It hopes the conference will arrive at a consensus.

Clarke 'blackmailing nurses about pay'

By Penny Chorlton

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Health Minister, is using "moral blackmail" to try to hold down this year's pay increase for nurses, the general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, Mr Trevor Clay, has claimed.

Mr Clay's attack was the first shot in an RCN campaign to ensure that the Government honours the recommendations of the independent pay review body.

Mr Clarke has told nurses and the review body that any increases over 3 per cent would have serious consequences for the health service, and if the award is more than inflation this will eliminate any scope for expanding services.

Last year's pay award by the review body had led nurses to expect a high increase this year.

The award put 7 per cent on the wage bill, with 6 per cent for students, 7 per cent for auxiliaries and 8 per cent for qualified nurses.

The RCN says that Mr Clarke's remarks pre-empt the recommendations of the pay review body by setting pay limits.

Mr Clay said the minister's comments were grossly unfair, and added: "Nurses are becoming angry.

"They voluntarily decided not to take industrial action and yet they are now being blackmailed by ministers about what will happen if the award is over 3 per cent.

The campaigning will take various forms between now and mid-June, when the Prime Minister is expected to make the announcement on pay.

Crusading trespasser opens path

By Alan Dunn

MR BENNY Rothman proudly took the first symbolic steps yesterday along a new footpath around the 2,000-foot summit of Kinder Scout in the Peak National Park where 53 years ago he was involved in the mass trespasses to win access to the moors and was gaoled for his pains.

The four-mile circular footpath is one of the fruits of the relationship between Kinder's present owners, the National Trust, and the Kinder Advisory Committee which links open-air organisations concerned to preserve the popular rambling area for the nation. It opens in the year when the Ramblers' Association is celebrating its jubilee with a 2,000-mile walk round England and Wales and the opening of another long-distance walk, the Ribble Way, is imminent.

Yesterday's opening ceremony at Ashes Farm, near Hayfield, was attended by some of the people who raised £200,000 to help the National Trust to buy the 34,000-acre Kinder estate three years ago. Ramblers have also helped a National Trust scheme to regenerate the dying moorland

"We were initially apprehensive of the National Trust," said Mr Rothman, aged 73, the committee secretary,

Anglo-Irish 'secrecy' criticised

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

Northern Ireland's Alliance party has called for the current Anglo-Irish talks on the future of the province to be brought into the open.

Speaking at the party's conference in Belfast at the weekend its leader, Mr John Cushnahan, said the way the process was being conducted was generating real worry.

"A more open approach by both governments rather than secretive discussions would help dispel many of the fears that, although unfounded, are genuinely felt by people within Northern Ireland itself," he said.

An atmosphere of kite-flying and hype was surrounding the talks, heightening community fears and possibly serving to restrict the room for manoeuvre by politicians.

The Alliance is committed to the union with Britain but is not loyalist and, with 10 members in the Northern Ireland Assembly, it prides itself on cross-community support.

Mr Cushnahan, in his first speech as leader, reminded delegates that the Alliance had put forward detailed plans for a parliamentary tier to get co-operation between the Republic and the north on social, economic and security matters.

Referring to the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party, he said he hoped it would involve itself in inter-party talks within the province.

Family faces deportation

By Susan Tirbutt

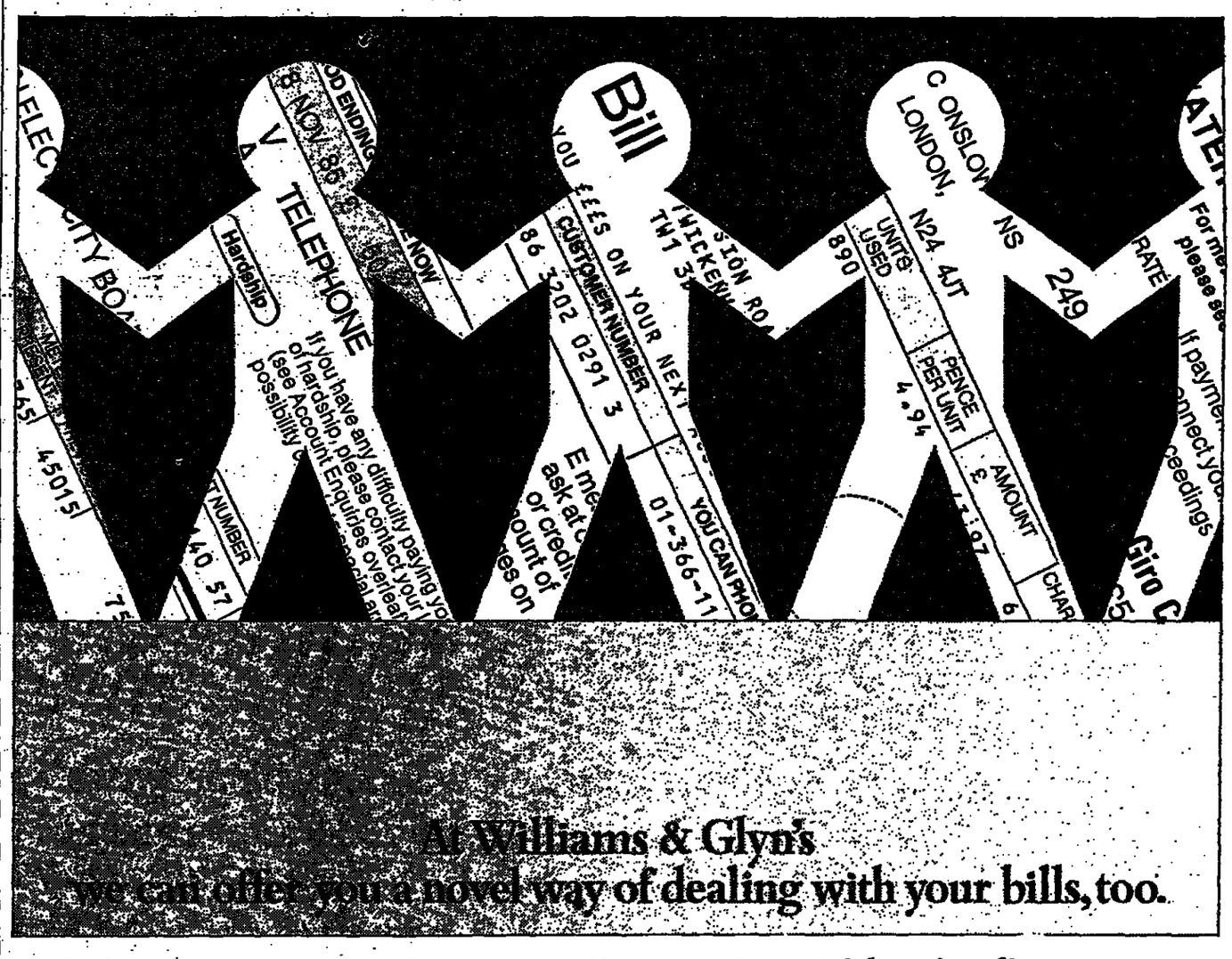
The Home Office has ordered a Pakistani family to leave Britain despite the fact that their case to stay on medical grounds is still pending in the Court of Appeal.

Mr Shahid Ali Syed, aged 30, and his 25-year-old wife Nasreen of Leyton, east London, appealed against deportation on the grounds that Mrs Syed has a heart condition requiring treatment which is unavailable in Pakistan.

She underwent heart surgery in London in January 1982 and is under regular medical supervision at the London Chest Hospital

Her doctors have told the Home Office that leaving Britain could endanger her life because within 10 years she will probably need further heart surgery which will not be possible in Pakistan.

The family's case is supported by Mr Harry Cohen, Labour MP for Leyton,



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The InterCity 125 high-speed trains operate in almost half of InterCity services, and the Flying Scotsman now covers the 400 miles between London and Edinburgh in only 4½ hours (a journey that in 1933 trains used to take 8¼ hours to do).

Money from 'Underneath the Arches'.

British Rail's Property Board are turning 100-year-old railway arches into modern centres for small businesses.

They will be spending £2 million a year converting and restoring some of the 15,000 arches – half of them in London – into suitable accommodation.

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Car service while you travel by train.

The first of a network of car servicing and valeting outlets has been opened at Rayleigh in Essex at the British Rail car park.

Travellers are able to leave their cars from 6.30 in the morning and collect them with the service work done when they get back to the station in the evening.

The 'Serviceman' service, in association with British Rail, is operated on a franchise basis. It is primarily aimed at the commuter, but should attract a much wider spread of car users.

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Zoos face biggest challenge in their history

ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR: the modern approach to animal display (above left) contrasts with the unacceptable face of zoos (right). Pictures by Kenneth Saunders and Denis Thorpe

During the next few years the appearance of British wildlife collections will change radically. But not everyone is happy. Sarah Boseley reports

LONDON Zoo's polar bears have gone north — although only as far as Dudley. Their erstwhile home, the bleak Mappin Terraces, will soon be deserted and then demolished.

Dramatic changes are going on at the biggest zoo in the country, and underlying them is nothing less than a nationwide zoological revolution.

Victorian values have bitten the dust in the zoo world. London Zoo was built in last century to gratify the peep-show curiosity of the masses as well as the stamp-collector mentality of its owners. The aim was to exhibit as many peculiar birds and beasts as possible.

Times have changed, and the pressure is on Britain's 200 or so zoos to keep their creatures in bigger and better enclosures. The zoos say that opinion in the trade has changed. Animal welfare experts say that the public, enlightened by, among other things, TV wildlife documentaries, will no longer accept the sad spectacle of psychotic elephants, gorillas and the like battering themselves in frustration against prison bars.

Stefan Ormrod, the RSPCA's zoo expert, is categoric about what is happening. "The zoo concept in the main is a failure," he said. only a handful of the biggest are attempting to achieve anything in the fields of research, conservation and education and the rest of them rank with circuses and fun-fairs — places for people to go and gawp at exotic beasts.

He was one of the prime movers behind the Zoo Licensing Act which came into force last August after a decade of pressure from vets and animal experts and opposition from the big commercial zoos which minted money in the Sixties.

For centuries, anyone with a couple of pythons or a tiger could put them in cages and take money. All the RSPCA could do was prosecute in cases of proven cruelty. Under the new act, three zoos have been refused a licence by newly appointed government inspectors — Knaresborough, Westbury Wildlife Park outside Bristol and Zootopia, more recently called Rainbow's End, in Bognor Regis.

Mr Nick Nyoka, owner of Knaresborough Zoo in Yorkshire, who says he has been in the business all his life, is outraged. He intends to appeal but says that the improvements he is required to make will cost £50,000. The RSPCA says £250,000 would be more realistic.

Mr Nyoka said: "We look after our animals because if they are not looked after you get a whacking vet's bill." He blames his present troubles on "the do-gooders and animal rights people."

Mr Ormrod says the Art was not intended to close zoos, but to bring them up to standard but, inevitably, many will not be able to afford that.

He sees future developments based on collections of individual species, like the Otter Trust in Suffolk. Mr Bill Jordan, zoo vet and founder of the People's Trust for Endangered Species, would like to see collections of temperate species of all sorts living in as near as possible a re-creation of their original living conditions, large enough for them not to know they were fenced in.

"There should be no tropical animals ever. The climate in this country is not right. But we could have mixed groups of deer, foxes, Russian and Scandinavian animals, beavers, bears — all sorts. We could even have wolves, although they'd have to be isolated at calving time."

Going to the zoo would be more like bird-watching. Families would have to be in cars and spend several hours with binoculars — as they would on an African safari.

Mr Jordan, who also had a hand in the Zoo Licensing Act, has few good words to say about the so-called "safari parks" in this country, however.

He said: "All they are is drive-through zoos. Some of the safari parks don't provide proper sleeping quarters and have nowhere to isolate sick or injured animals and no way to collect them up. They don't even keep endangered species — just the common varieties."

The big zoos have been slow to see the revolution coming, but they are now going out to meet it, money permitting.

London Zoo has been given £8 million by the Government in the last year to help it out of a deficit and put it on the road to reconstruction.

Mr David Jones, the zoo's director, sees worlds of difference between the "purely commercial, tin-pot little places that probably won't get through the Zoo Licensing Act anyway and the very large, multi-disciplinary set-up like ours here, which is a very complex organisation."

The new philosophy, he says, is to have fewer total animals but concentrate on species genuinely there for education and conservation reasons.

Computers come into this, as with any modernisation programme. Big, respectable zoos are co-operating in exchanging animals for exhibition and breeding. Every animal owned by the 51-member British Zoo Federation is now recorded on computer.

However much zoos put their animal houses in order, they will only succeed in giving qualified pleasure to the experts and to pressure groups like Zoo Check, set up by the actors Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers after the death at London Zoo of an elephant called Pole Pole who starred in one of their films.

Mr Travers said: "We will maintain our position of criticism of the zoo because, whatever they do about welfare, they are not coming to terms with the philosophical questions behind it. The number of conservation successes they achieve are fairly small."

He would rather see money spent on the conservation of areas, such as rain forests, where animals are threatened in their natural habitat. If people wanted to see them they should go there.

"You don't take the Leaning Tower of Pisa away because people outside Italy want to see it," he said. "We think all zoos are unacceptable in their present forms, and some are more unacceptable than others."

'Minister for waste' plan criticised as inadequate

By David Rose

The Prime Minister is today expected to announce the appointment of a minister for waste, to be responsible for co-ordinating efforts to recycle industrial and household rubbish which could save hundreds of millions of pounds a year.

Last night, however, opposition MPs were sceptical about the proposal, saying that it bore all the signs of a public relations exercise which would fail to tackle the problem adequately.

It is understood that the announcement will take the form of an answer to a parliamentary question, and that the new job — which is expected to go to a minister from the Department of Trade and Industry — will involve co-ordination between the Environment and Trade departments.

Last December the Commons select committee on trade and industry produced its report, A Wealth from Waste, which drew attention to the fact that current efforts to organise recycling are hampered by confusion about the respective roles of the two departments.

The report said the £750 million was literally being thrown away in rubbish every year, and that this sum — chiefly in the form of glass, textiles and paper — could be recovered.

Westminster sources were suggesting yesterday that the new minister would not be given staff of his own but would simply chair an interdepartmental committee. It was not clear whether there would be any additional expenditure or investment assigned to recycling projects.

Dr David Clarke, the shadow environment minister, said that he feared that the exercise amounted to no more than window-dressing at a time when there was a heightened public consciousness on environmental matters and the immediate pressure of the select committee report.

"If this is a genuine initiative then we would welcome it," he said. "But one has to be hesitant, and the Government is in trouble at the moment — it does seem at first sight to be a public relations exercise."

Injured trainee in test case

A teenage girl who was bitten on the nose by a horse while working on a Youth Training Scheme course has launched a test case for compensation against the Department of Health and Social Security.

Anita Garlinge, aged 19, of Deal, Kent, still bears a scar from the incident last year when she was training to become a riding instructor. She was treated in hospital and spent five days off work.

Labour's shadow health spokesman, Mr Michael Meacher, claimed yesterday that 20 youngsters had been killed working on the schemes without any compensation for their families.

Industrial injury benefit was refused to Anita who received a £25 weekly training allowance while on the scheme in "employed earner's benefit".

She is due to appear before a social services appeal tribunal in Folkestone on Wednesday, but her mother, Mrs Margaret Earlinge, said the case may be adjourned to give the family more time to prepare.

Three solicitors had advised her to cancel the tribunal "on the grounds that it is not worth going through with."

But she said: "I feel that it is not right.

Mr Meacher, MP for Oldham West, has argued the case for Anita and many other injury victims. "It is most unjust that young people can be forced on to YTS courses at exploitatively low level of pay and with virtually no training or supervision, and then if they are injured or even killed — as more than 20 have been so far — they or their families have no entitlement to compensation," he said.

Dockyards ready to fight against privatisation plan

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

Unions at the Rosyth and Devonport dockyards are prepared for industrial action if the Government goes ahead with a proposal to put naval refitting into the hands of private contractors.

The unions have been told that they will be offered only 12 weeks' consultation about the proposal, which is due to be announced by the Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Michael Heseltine, this week, and that legislation to carry out the transfer of pension rights is to be introduced next year.

The proposal for an agency agreement is regarded as the worst of all worlds by Mr Gordon Brown, the Labour MP for Dunfermline East and Mr Dick Douglas, the Labour MP for Dunfermline West, whose constituents work at the Rosyth dockyard. Both are demanding a meeting with Mr Heseltine.

Mr Brown said: "The option proposed by Mr Heseltine's adviser, Peter Levene, is a gift to the private sector, it offers no security of employment to the workforce and it prejudices our national interest. To carry out the refitting of the Polaris nuclear force on the model of a fast food franchise will create enormous problems for security."

Fifteen companies involved in ship repair work and a handful of other large firms, including GEC, are said to have been approached with a view to taking over the shipyards on a seven-year contract from 1987. They would not be responsible for investment in plant and equipment which would be paid for by the taxpayer.

Mr Brown, who has 8,000 constituents who work at the yard said that offering 12 weeks' consultation for such changes was a "farce." He dismissed suggestions that Mr Heseltine had fought off a Treasury attempt at complete privatisation of the yards as a "camouflage" for the agency option which Mr Levene had put forward. Mr Brown is asking the all-party Commons Committee on Defence to investigate the government's refusal to answer questions about Mr Levene.

The announcement, which may be made on Wednesday, is likely to provoke protests from the Opposition and the unions, who believe that Mr Heseltine received a private report suggesting using naval ratings to carry out the work at the dockyards if the unions take industrial action.

Gordon Brown: "no security"

New guide on X-rays

By Seumas Milne

Tighter guidelines on X-rays for pregnant women are published today by the National Radiological Protection Board. The board now recommends that for X-ray purposes women should be considered pregnant unless there is evidence to the contrary; and that X-rays of a woman's pelvic region during pregnancy should only be carried out if the risk of failing to make a diagnosis is greater than that of damaging the foetus.

This advice supersedes earlier recommendations aimed at restricting less urgent X-ray examinations to the 10 days after the start of menstruation — the so-called "10-dayrule". It reflects new research on victims of the 1945 nuclear attacks against Japan

Acid rain campaigners pound the Government

The Government has abandoned all pretence of having a real environmental policy and is responsible for allowing an ecological catastrophe to continue in Europe, an environmental pressure group claimed today.

"Britain's sulphur pollution falls all over western Europe as acid rain, and there is not a shred of scientific doubt that power stations are mainly to blame," said Friends of the Earth spokesman Mr Chris Rose.

"A Government which allows such an ecological catastrophe to continue has thrown up all pretence at a real environmental policy."

To try to persuade the Government to take action supporters of FoE have been sending £1 notes to Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"We are trying to draw attention to the fact that it would only add £1 to the average yearly electricity bill if Britain was to fit anti-sulphur pollution controls to power stations," said Mr Rose.

"The Treasury has been a main opponent of pollution controls and has been passing on the money to the Department of the Environment, which has returned it to us.

"We will continue the 'pound-to-stop-acid-rain' campaign until Britain joins the 30 per cent club of countries and backs the EEC directive which calls for a 60 per cent reduction in sulphur dioxide emissions by 1995."

£10 million solar power village pioneers the designs for brighter living

SUNSHINE HOME: One of Bournville's houses

By Anthony Tucker, Science Correspondent

BRITAIN'S largest experiment in bringing solar energy to the people, the £10 million 300 house Bournville Trust village nearing completion in Birmingham, went on show to overseas visitors at the weekend.

Since it is already demonstrating that with the right design Britain's cloudy skies are no barrier to substantial energy gains — and hence energy savings — the experiment is already regarded technically as a success.

Conceived jointly by the Bournville Trust, Birmingham University, the EEC and the Department of Energy back in the mid seventies, it is intended as a test-bed for a wide range of possibilities, from simple "passive" solar buildings to houses embodying every possible solar gadgetry. The biggest disappointment so far — and one regarded with some amazement by the visitors — is the withdrawal of the Department of Energy from the project.

The first phases of the development were two blocks of flats for the elderly whose experimental systems, although expensive to monitor, have provided key design information as well as low cost hot water.

The village construction goes much more deeply into design possibilities of how to meet energy conservation and solar conversion needs in traditional buildings.

The weekend visit was part of a workshop run by the University as an arm of the International Solar Energy Society. Earlier it revealed the uncertainties and the lack of conviction in Britain about the importance of embedding solar thinking in architectural design.

One of the problems is that the design procedures require techniques and information seen as unnecessary in conventional building and not yet widely incorporated in the training of architects or civil engineers.

It was explained in the workshop that one of the reasons for the relative scarcity of British applications for EEC support for solar building projects was simply the short supply of architects and designers with the necessary skills.

The sheer daunting complexity of the application documents was also condemned as a cause of reluctance. Economics also play a part with for example the cost of monitoring a test building often being higher than any other part of the experiment.

The Birmingham solar village will reach completion over the next two years, largely because of EEC involvement. The Department of Energy is concentrating its support on "passive" solar buildings, where much can be gained at low additional cost.

But, as the workshop pointed out, this is no way to underpin a developing industry in solar systems

● Solar heating may be used in Lincoln Cathedral, where the oil-fired heating is so expensive to run that it is only switched on for important occasions. An approach for a grant has been made to the EEC.

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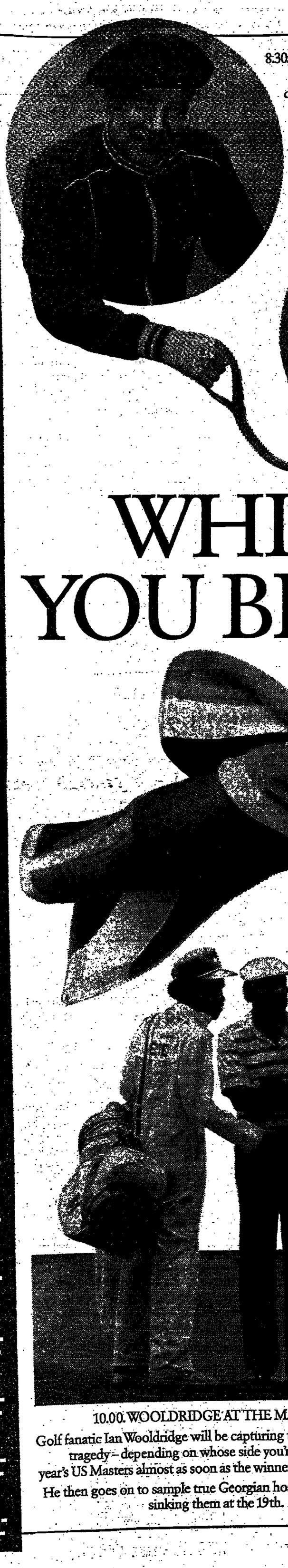
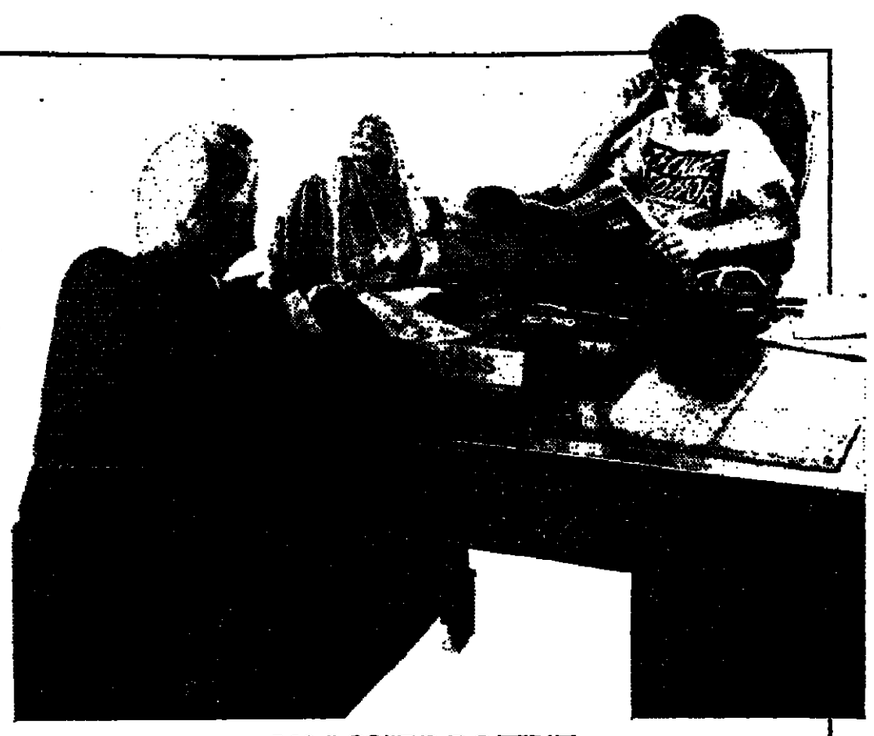


8.30. MANN'S BEST FRIENDS.

Who wants to take sides in a home that could double for a madhouse?

In a new comedy series, Fulton Mackay plays Ordway, an ex-civil servant, who tries to bring order to this manic household. With reckless support from Barry Stanton as the landlord, Mr. Mann and Bernard Bresslaw as his demented aide.



5.30. I COULD DO THAT.

Are you a whizzkid who thinks he could run a business? Or do you think most youngsters couldn't run a bath?

Over the next six weeks we take four would-be entrepreneurs to visit young successful businesses and try to show them the ropes. The experience could decide if they'll ever be captains of industry.

WHICH SIDE WILL YOU BE ON TONIGHT?

9.00. END OF EMPIRE.

The heroes and villains of 1940's Singapore talk about the events that marked the greatest disaster and worst capitulation in the history of the British Empire.*

The first of an epic series depicting the chaos of decolonisation. Would you stand for the National Anthem after tonight's episode?

4.50. ISAURA THE SLAVE GIRL.

Where will your sympathies lie? In this new series – of 1860's Brazilian slavery – Isaura is beautiful, well-educated and a white slave.

Yet she's treated like the daughter of the house.

When the son of the house returns from Paris, Isaura finds out how much of a slave she really is.

10.00. WOOLDRIDGE AT THE MASTERS.

Golf fanatic Ian Wooldridge will be capturing the euphoria or the tragedy – depending on whose side you're on – of this year's US Masters almost as soon as the winner has sunk the 18th.

He then goes on to sample true Georgian hospitality as they're sinking them at the 19th.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON 4

White House optimistic as Congress moves to $14m vote

Reagan puts full weight behind rebel call for cash

From Paul Ellman in Washington

The Administration will today launch a final effort to secure funding for the Nicaraguan rebels.

The optimism among white House officials that Congress will agree to the funding is in sharp contrast to the mood barely a month ago when it was thought that President Reagan might decide to avoid a final showdown rather than risk a humiliating defeat.

Mr Reagan will personally open the new campaign on his return from his Easter break with a speech to a meeting in Washington roganised by a pressure group known as the Nicaraguan Refugee Fund. He will also hold talks during the coming week with key congressional figures.

The President last week called on Congress to release $14 million earmarked for the "Contras" for humanitarian work and called on the Sandinista Government to open negotiations with its opponents within 60 days.

The call has been rejected by the Sandinistas. Some Latin American leaders welcomed the call without endorsing the plea for funds.

Administration officials said that the White House now calculated that it already had a majority in the Senate in favour of releasing the $14 million and was only six votes short of a majority in the House of Representatives. Congress cut off all support for the Nicaraguan rebels last year.

The White House based its optimism in part on the fact that a number of Democrats previously opposed to any kind of support for the Contras were now suggesting a compromise whereby the $14 million could be distributed through international relief organisations, such as the Red Cross.

Officials said that the Administration was willing to offer concessions to its critics, including the dropping of the 60-day deadline for the opening of negotiations by the Sandinistas. Talks between the US and Nicaragua were broken off shortly before President Reagan began his second term last January.

Although officials stressed tha the US was still concerned about Nicaragua's alleged role as a sponsor of leftwing insurgencies in Central America, the scale of its arms build-up, and its close ties with the Soviet bloc, they added that it was willing to be more flexible about the nature of the political system inside Nicaragua.

The Administration was said to be prepared to accept that the Sandinistas would continue to play the major role in the government of Nicaragua, with Mr Daniel Ortega continuing as President, in exchange for moves towards bringing opposition forces into the political system.

THE Sandinista Government has announced huge increases from today in the price of petrol and long-distance telephone rates. Long-distance telephone rates will be 29 times what they have been, or $350 for three minutes. Parafin, widely used in cooking, rises by 500 per cent and petrol by 300 per cent.—AP.

Lima hit by dynamite attacks as polling stations open

From Mike Reid in Lima

TANKS and armoured cars took to the streets here yesterday as voting began in general elections which are expected to bring a swing to the left.

Less than 12 hours before the poll opened, the city was hit by a wave of terrorist attacks on Saturday night which are reported to have left three people wounded, two of them seriously. Five local offices of the right-wing Popular Christian Party suffered dynamite attacks, while in the Andes, a polling station was bombed in the town of Cerro de Pasco.

Four armed guerillas from the small Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) took over a radio station here. They forced the staff to broadcast a cassette, interrupting an eve of poll message from the outgoing President, Mr Fernando Belaunde Terry.

A poll by the US-based Spanish International Network predicted that the presidential candidate of the Social Democratic American Popular Revolutionary Alliance (Apra), Mr Alan Garcia, would get 47 per cent of the vote.

The survey, conducted two days ago, indicated that the mayor of Lima, Mr Alfonso Barrantes of the United Left, would come second with 20 per cent. The government candidate, Mr Javier Alva Orlandini, would take 6 per cent of the vote, it said.

It is not clear whether the MRTA, or the larger Maoist Sendero Luminoso (shining path) guerrillas were responsible for the bomb attacks.

Two United Left militants are reported to have been killed in late night clashes with members of the left-wing Apra party. On Thursday night, an Apra militant was killed in a fight with United Left members while both groups were painting slogans in a Lima suburb.

Despite the eve-of-pole incidents, voting was taking place normally here, with armed troops guarding polling stations.

Peruvian soldiers stand guard as election cards are distributed

Honduran general warns plotters

Tegucigalpa: The armed forces chief said yesterday that the army was under pressure to mount a coup since a constitutional crisis flared last month but vowed to guarantee democracy.

"Everyone wants to tell us what to do," Brigadier General Walter Lopez Reyes declared. "There are groups and individuals that want to pressure the armed forces to stage a coup. It will never happen."

He was speaking after the closing ceremony of tank exercises which form the first part of joint US-Honduran war games near the Nicaraguan border.

"There's nothing to be gained by a coup d'etat . . . we are going to make sure that the President lasts until the November elections," the general said.

The constitutional crisis flared when the 82-seat Congress voted last month to dismiss five Supreme Court justices for allegedly manipulating electoral law in favour of President Roberto Suazo Cordova for the polls scheduled for November.

Mr Suazo, who is constitutionally barred from re-election, responded by bringing treason charges against the replacement justices and the 50 Congressmen who voted for the dismissal of their predecessors.

The local Roman Catholic Church earlier yesterday called for an end to the row, saying "the country's democracy was at stake.

A communique from the Episcopal Conference called on politicians to bury their personal quarrels and negotiate an end to the crisis.

● Nicaragua claimed at the weekend that an American, Roger Paterson, was killed while fighting with rebels against government forces late last month, but police in Alabama said Roger Paterson was alive and in the US.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Regular summits proposed

THE Communist Party daily, Pravda, yesterday suggested that the Soviet Union is ready for regular summit meetings as one way of improving relations with the United States.

It was the first recent mention in the Soviet press of regular summits as one way of ending what the party leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, last week termed the "Ice Age" in Soviet-American relations.

Pravda took care to make the proposal contingent upon American desire for better relations, but reiterated a standard Soviet argument that the majority of Americans want better relations with the Soviet Union. This majority "understands that it is time to end the campaign of hatred toward the Soviet Union," Pravda said. — AP.

Doctor says life gives relief

EUROPE'S first artificial heart recipient, a 52-year-old Swedish businessman facing tax evasion charges, says he has no plans for the future. In written answers to journalists' questions, he said his strongest feelings were relief and fatigue. The ticking of his US-designed heart did not bother him, he said: "It's just like having an alarm clock on your bedside table."

A member of the team treating him at Stockholm's Karolinska hospital described the patient's feelings of relief as natural since he had been very close to death before the operation. — Reuter.

Basque attacks

THE BASQUE separatist group ETA has claimed responsibility for setting ablaze a cooking oil warehouse near San Sebastian last Friday. The fire spread to adjoining warehouses and caused almost £5 million damage, *writes Jane Walker, in Madrid.* ETA is believed responsible for the bombing of a French bank in the Basque city of Logrono yesterday. There were no injuries.

Pork cuts

CHINA has deregulated prices of live pigs and pork as part of a programme of price reform. A State Commodity Prices Administration spokesman said that the existing price system was "extremely irrational, and the prices of many commodities reflect neither their value nor the relationship of supply and demand." — Reuter.

Pastor gaoled

A SOVIET court has sentenced a Pentacostalist pastor who sought to emigrate to five years in a labour camp after convicting him of anti-Soviet slander and violation of religious laws. A source in Moscow said that Mr Viktor Walter was tried last week in the Primersky (maritime) province. — AP.

Bhopal claim

AN INDIAN state firm is claiming 240 million rupees (about £17 million) from Union Carbide for production lost when gas leaked from the US company's Bhopal plant in December. Bharat Heavy Electricals claims that is Bhopal plant suffered when workers were affected by the gas. — Reuter.

Gaol crowding

A TANZANIAN remand prison is so packed that prisoners sleep sitting up. A gaol official, Laurence Midava, told the government newspaper, the Daily News, that some prisoners had been waiting for 10 years for their trials to be completed. — Reuter.

Mafia arrest

SICILIAN police yesterday arrested a second suspect in a car bombing, aimed at an anti-Mafia judge, that killed a mother and her twin sons instead. Officials in Trapani accused Vincenzo Cusimano, aged 34, of obtaining a stolen car for use in the attack.—AP.

Civilian rule

MARTIAL law in Pakistan will be lifted within the next few months as power is transferred from the military Government to the new civilian administration, the Minister of Justice, Mr Iqbal Ahmed Khan, said at the weekend. — AP.

Viet oilfield

THE SOVIET Union is reported likely to start commercial oil production off Vietnam in the South China Sea. Japan's Asahi Shimbun quoted US sources as saying that successful tests had been conducted by Soviet offshore teams.— Reuter.

Aid extended

BRITAIN has agreed to Kampala's request for a military training team to stay and help the Ugandan Army for a third year, Kampala Radio said yesterday. The team had been due to leave in May. — Reuter.

FBI to indict 26 neo-Nazis on charges of violent crime

From Alex Brummer in Washington

The FBI's investigation of a violent neo-Nazi organisation, variously known as The Order and Silent Brotherhood, is expected to reach its climax today with the indictment of more than two dozen rightwingers in Seattle.

The neo-Nazis, who are allegedly responsible for murder and several armed robberies, are to be charged under the Racketeering-influenced and Corrupt Organisations Act which in the past has largely been used to bring organised crime figures to justice.

The FBI chose this particular statute after it established in grand jury testimony that a series of alleged violent crimes — going back many years — can be traced to the leadership of the brotherhood.

The pattern for its activities was apparently set in a novel, The Turner Diaries, written by a white supremacist, Mr William Pierce of Arlington, Va. Mr Pierce wrote of a group of armed American Nazis, who overthrew the American Government and launched a nuclear attack on Israel.

Among the crimes outlined in the Pierce book were the murder of prominent American Jews and the corruption of the US currency.

The real group is alleged to have had some success in both these areas. It was allegedly responsible for the brutal murder of Mr Alan Berg, a liberal radio broadcaster in Denver, who was gunned down outside his station in a spray of automatic weapon fire by several of those under indictment.

The group allegedly engaged in counterfeiting with the hope of debasing the US currency. According to the FBI, the group believes that the Federal Reserve Board is under the control of Jews. The Silent Brotherhood is also said to have conducted armed robbery to finance its warfare against American Jews.

Mr William Webster, the FBI director, says that The Order represents the most violent manifestation in modern history of the Racialist, anti-Semitic propaganda put out by organisations such as the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party.

Burning question

CAPE CANAVERAL: Scientists yesterday weighed the value of asking space shuttle Discovery's crew to try an orbital repair of a $35 million US defence satellite which malfunctioned on launching at the weekend.

There is a possibility that the satellite's powerful booster rocket could fire at any time and possibly damage the billion-dollar shuttle.

At least four teams of experts were considering whether to ask one of Discovery's astronauts to take a spacewalk and try to operate a mechanical lever which is believed to have jammed when Leasat was rolled out of the shuttle's cargo bay.—Reuter.

Godfather of Mexican drug runners 'bribed 800 police'

From Peter Chapman in Mexico City

A man described as the "Godfather" of Mexican drug-runners has claimed that 800 Mexican policemen were in his pay.

Sixty-year-old Ernesto Fonseca was arrested last feek in a Pacific coast resort, at the home of a local police commander. He allegedly told investigaters that he and another man, Rafael Caro, who was deported from Costa Rica to Mexico a few days ago, had bought the services of 800 policemen in and around the centre of their drugs operations, the city of Guadalajara.

The capture of two alleged "kingpins" in the multimillion dollar hard drugs trade between Mexico and the US market is an impressive success after years of accusations by US officials that Mexico was not doing enough. But Fonseca's claim has caused considerable embarrassment.

The extent of Mexico's role in the international drugs racket began to unfold in February, with the kidnap of a US anti-drugs agent in Guadalajara. His body was found last month. The incident caused a sharp deterioration in cross-border relations.

Washington claimed Mexico was a main source of heroin and cocain, to rival Colombia and Bolivia. The US also alleged that the Mexican police were doing little to investigate because too many of them were involved in the trade.

The result has been that the Mexican police hve a stepped up their investigations, only to prove that the American allegations appear correct. One senior officer is alleged to have been paid more than £200,000 by Caro in February to let him escape while under police guard.

Both of the alleged racketeers have denied involvement in the death of the US agent, although Fonseca has accused Caro of masterminding it. Caro has reportedly confessed to owning a huge stock of 3,000 tons of marijuana seized near the Texan border in November. Several thousand peasants were commandeered to grow it, as forced labour.

Party chief voted out

Rome: Controversy continued yesterday over a speech last week by the Pope that many interpreted as a call for Roman Catholics to vote for the Christian Democratic Party.

The Pope's speech on Thursday, did not mention any political party, but many Italian commentators said his intention was clear so close to May 12 local elections.

Yesterday, three days later, most Italian newspapers were still running editorials and long analyses of the address.

In the speech delivered to a convention of Italian clerics at Loreto on the Adriatic coast, the Pope said that it was the duty of Roman Catholics "to work to safeguard and reinforce Italian democracy."

He said that their intervention in public life "could not but be manifested in a unified manner, especially in moments when the supreme good of the nation demands it."

The demand for unity was what caused some to believe he was calling for support for the Christian Democratic Party, founded after the Second World War with Vatican backing.

While Italy's largest party has continued close cooperation with the church, recent pontiffs have avoided patisan comments.

The Polish-born Pope, unlike many of his Italian predecessors, has remained largely aloof from Italian politics.

Rome's leftwing daily, Paese Sera, headlined its front-page editorial about the ambiguous remark, "The world according to Wojtyla: translating Polish."

It said the "painful part of the address is the gloomy conviction that outside the church no truth exists, while within the church truth is already contained."

Even the conservative Il Giornale, of Milan, said the appeal for the Christian Democrats was clear in the speech "even if the party was not specifically cited."

Christian Democrat leaders were quick to down play the incident, saying that the speech was not an endorsement. — AP

Minister points to Muslim terrorists seeking revenge against the US

Spanish bomb blast blamed on Jihad

From Jane Walker in Madrid

The Spanish Interior Minister, Mr José Barrionuevo, said yesterday that it was "most likely" that a Muslim fundamentalist terrorist group was responsible for the Madrid restaurant bomb which killed 18 people and injured 82 on Friday night.

Mr Barrionuevo named the group as Islamic Jihad, Beirut-based Shi'ite terrorists.

A spokesman for the organisation is reported to have admitted in a call to a news agency that it placed the bomb, in revenge for a bombing last month in the Arab sector of Beirut which killed 92 people. The group is believed to have been responsible for a bombing in a crowded Athens bar recently which killed and injured US servicemen.

The Descanso Restaurant was popular with servicemen from the US air base at Torrejon, only five miles away. But if the Americans were the targets, the bomb was mistimed. The explosion occurred at 10.30pm, after the early dining hours of the Americans, and just after the restaurant had filled with Spaniards who traditionally eat late.

No Americans died in the attack, although 15 were injured. The US embassy in Madrid issued a statement yesterday condemning the outrage and expressing sympathy for the bereaved families. Security has been tightened at the three American bases in Spain and the enclaves where the 12,500 servicemen and their families live.

The bomb is the worst terrorist outrage in Spain since the civil war. A bomb placed near the main police station in Madrid in 1974 killed 12 people and injured 80, and in 1976, nine people died in a blast in a Madrid cafe.

Mr Barrionuevo said yesterday he understood that the explosion on Friday was caused by a home-made bomb, made up of a mixture of sulphur and potassium sulphate, a type rarely found before in Spain. It is believed that it had been placed in the ground floor cloakroom of the restaurant near the bar.

Because the butane and propane gas cylinders used in the kitchen at the rear of the building were found to be intact, the possibility of a gas explosion was quickly ruled out.

Last year, Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the killing of two Arabs in Marbella and for the wounding of a Libyan diplomat in Madrid. Mr Barrionuevo said that he did not believe that there was any connection between the bombing and the possibility that Spain would establish diplomatic relations with Israel soon.

However, Islamic Jihad is only one of several groups, including the ETA Basque separatists and their leftwing allies Grapos, to claim responsibility for the bombing.

The Madrid governor, Mr José Maria Rodríguez Colorado, earlier said the blast might be terrorists against Nato targets.

Paris to stamp out terrorist group

Paris; The Interior Minister, Mr Pierre Joxe, speaking after three bomb blasts rocked Paris at the weekend, pledged yesterday that police would crack down hard on extremist violence.

All three attacks were claimed by the outlawed Action Directe leftwing urban guerrilla group, which described them as anti-racist actions. There were no casualties. Mr Joxe said in a statement that it was particularly shameful to try to justify these crimes by claiming that they were anti-racist. "The security services will pursue relentlessly their action to stamp out such crimes."

Two pre-dawn blasts on Saturday severely damaged an israeli bank and a government immigration office. They were followed early yesterday by an equally destructive attack on the offices of Minute, an extreme rightwing weekly. Action Directe claimed responsibility for the attacks in a letter to a news agency. The letter demanded that the extreme rightwing National Front party be outlawed.

The National Front leader, Mr Jeane-Marie Le Pen, blamed the bombings on a growing campaign by a group called "SOS Racism" which aimed to make racism the centre of a national political debate. He said in a radio interview that the group, which last October coined the slogan "hands off my buddy," was responsible for setting public opinion against potential targets such as Minute, which supports the Front.

The Action Directe letter said that the latest attack yesterday was a protest against the "Zionist invasion" of Lebanon. Action Directe claimed responsibility three years ago for a bomb attack on the offices of Minute which it accused of fascist and racist propaganda.

A power transformer station was damaged in another blast near the southwest city of Toulouse and an anonymous caller told police it was an "anti-fascist action" to protest against a dance held there by the National Front on Saturday night. Two bombs also exploded last night in Corsica, causing serious damage to private houses, but no injuries, police said. — Reuter,

Russian patriarch celebrates Easter

Patriarch Pimen of Moscow and All Russia holds the Orthodox Easter service in the Epiphany Cathedral, Moscow, yesterday

Hoxha to be buried

ALBANIA's new Communist leader, Mr Ramiz Alia, is expected to give the main address at the funeral of Enver Hoxha in Tirana today and to reiterate condemnation of both superpowers in line with the late leader's policies, Albanian diplomats said.

Mr Hoxha, who steered a Stalinist course of ideological purity during his 40 years as Albania's ruler, will be buried in a ceremony to which no foreign representatives have been invited.

There will be no foreign journalists present and reportedly, not even any of the half dozen ambassadors in residence in Tirana. "It is not our custom," Albanian officials say.

Mr Hoxha's old fear for Albania's survival as an independent state is pervasive. "The Soviet Union is a threat to the freedom of our people," said the Albanian embassy in Vienna, commenting on the new leadership's first and telling act, to send back Moscow's condolences on Mr Hoxha's death.

Even the royal pretender, the self-proclaimed King Leka, seems more worried about the prospect of Albania losing its independence than about the regime's complexion. He has called on Albanians at home and abroad to "protect national integrity" against "Soviet expansion into the Balkans" after Mr Hoxha's death.

Many countries, including all the big powers, have indicated to the Albanians that they want to increase contacts, but France, where Mr Hoxha studied, whose language he taught and spoke, and whose doctors tended him, seems to have a head start.

Trade talks will begin next week in Paris, which has increased its business with Albania six-fold since 1980, to about £32 million a year. Three weeks later, the deputy foreign minister, Mr Jean-Michel Bayet, will visit Tirana.

Controversy over Polish election

Warsaw: ... The Democratic Party, a satellite of the ruling Communist Party, has elected a new leader after a rare public display of division at a national congress, official newspapers reported yesterday.

Western diplomats and Polish political sources said that the removal of Mr Edward Kowalczyk, who had led the Democratic Party since the spring of 1981 and is also a deputy prime minister, was quite unexpected.

Mr Kowalczyk, aged 60, was replaced at the congress here on Saturday by Mr Tadeusz Mlynczak, aged 51, who preceded Mr Kowalczyk as party leader from 1976 to 1981.

In a public display of factionalism rare for a Communist state, some 660 congress delegates were split almost equally between the candidates on the first two leadership votes. Mr Mlynczak then won the third round 356-307.

Polish political sources said that the final vote in favour of Mr Mlynczak pointed to party dissatisfaction with Mr Kowalczyk, whose career in government has broadly coincided with the rule of the Prime Minister and Communist Party leader, General Wojciech Jaruzelski.

The sources said that Mr Mlynczak was known as a protege of a veteran Communist politician and nationalist, General Miecyslaw Moczar, who was a powerful Politburo member in 1980 but whom General Jaruzelski has since removed from centre stage.

The Democratic Party is in theory an independent group representing small businessmen andand some intellectuals. It is a junior partner in a ruling alliance dominated by the Communists and also containing the United Peasants Party.

During the heyday of Solidarity in 1980 and 1981, liberal-minded Democratic Party activists began to break free from the Communist dominance and seek a more independent role.—Reuter.

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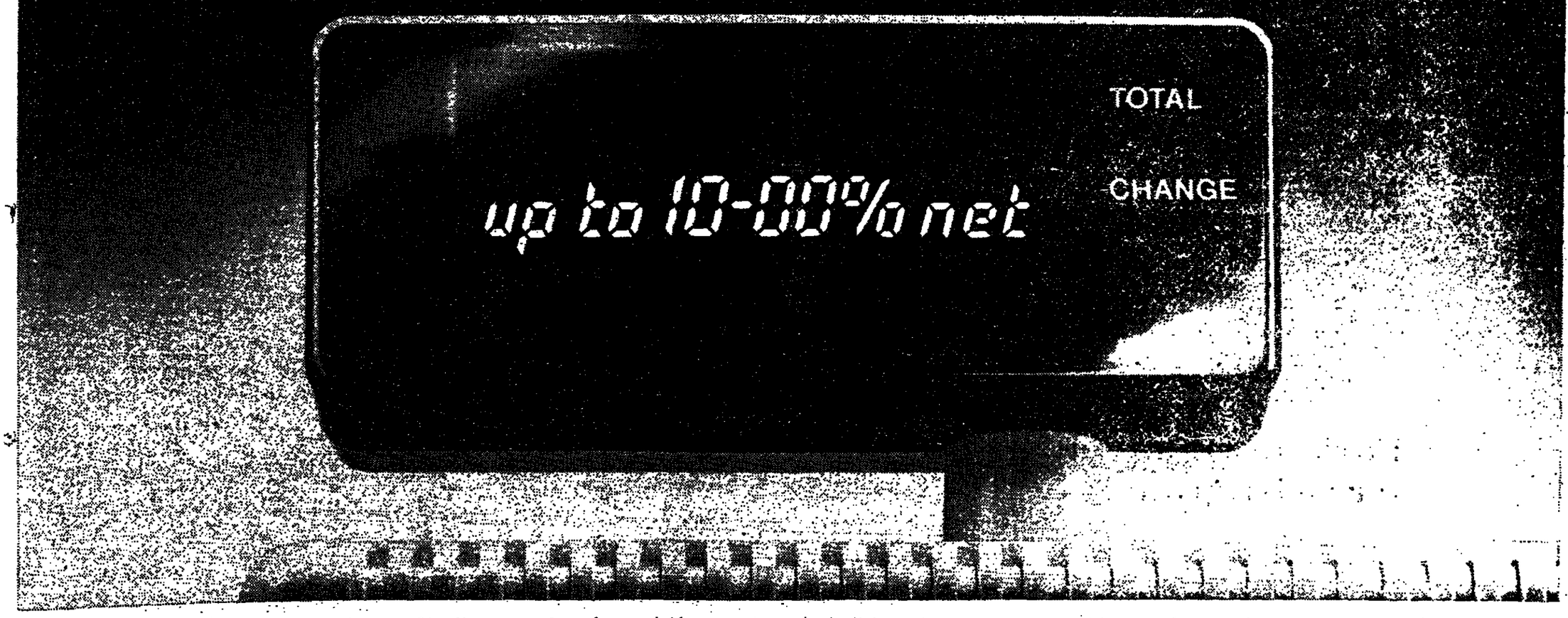

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Cabinet vote angers Peres

From Ian Black in Jerusalem

A NEW AND potentially serious crisis loomed over the bipartisan National Unity Government last night after the Cabinet refused to authorise a visit to Egypt by the Minister Without Portfolio, Mr Ezer Weizman.

Mr Weizman, a close confidante of the Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, was due to go to Cairo this week in what was billed as a private visit, but which was to include talks with President Hosni Mubarak and other Egyptian leaders.

Despite statements to the contrary, Mr Weizman was expected to try and make final arrangements for a summit meeting between Mr Peres and President Mubarak, by proposing a compromise to help solve the dispute about the future of the Taba enclave south of the Israeli port city of Eilat.

The Cabinet voted by 10 to nine against approving Mr Weizman's visit, angering and surprising Mr Peres, who had earlier cleared the visit in advance with the Foreign Minister and Likud leader, Mr Yitzhak Shamir.

Mr Shamir and his Likud colleagues fear that foreign policy matters concerning the peace process and relations with Egypt are increasingly being taken out of their hands and run by the dovish Mr Weizman.

Mr Peres and Mr Weizman are known to favour a compromise over Taba, moving towards the Egyptian demand for international arbitration, but Mr Shamir insists that the issue can only be evolved in the context of a "package deal" of all the outstanding bilateral issues between Cairo and Jerusalem.

Mr Shamir was seen here as using the episode as a trial of strength between the two components of the Government and as an expression of his dissatisfaction with the present state of affairs. The question of Mr Weizman's trip is expected to be resolved — one way or the other — by the 10-man inner Cabinet at a meeting today.

The independent leftwing MP, Mr Jossi Sarid, said last night of yesterday's cabinet decision that Mr Weizman should resign at once.

Fighting in Sidon 'at new peak'

SIDON: At least nine people were kiled and more than 70 wounded in weekend battles that Sidon residents said were the most violent since fighting between Christians, Muslims, and Palestinians broke out a month ago.

The fighting died down to occasional sniping yesterday afternoon, but shelling resumed just before dark.

As the Lebanese civil war entered its eleventh year, artillery battles also erupted yesterday in the mountains near Beirut. The sound of exploding shells echoed across the capital for two hours and smoke drifted over mountain battlefronts where army troops and Christain militiamen face Druze-led forces.

State-run Beirut radio said shells landed in residential areas

The Lebanese Prime Minister, Mr Rasmid Karami, blamed Israel and a Christian militia for the clashes in and around Sidon. Mr Karami, speaking in his home town of Tripoli, said: "The (March 12) revolt coincided with the despatch of 'Lebanese Forces' fighters to Sidon, and this led to the explosion of the situation there."

Mr Karami, who said last week he would boycott his own Cabine until plans for the army to regain control were implemented, repeated charges that Israel was seeking to force Christians from villages east of Sidon to move south to a border strip.

The weekend also brought an attack that killed eight people in a Shi'ite village in the Israeli-occupied south and an Israeli raid on a Palestinian refugee camp in Tyre.—AP/Reuter.

Arafat 'seeks package deal'

JERUSALEM: A US Congessman who met the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, last week said yesterday that the organisation appeared to be moving towards recognition of Israel

It was also announced yesterday that the PLO council would meet in Baghdad this week.

Mr Thomas Petri confirmed before meeting the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, that he and four other congressmen met Mr Arafat in Amman. He said Arafat was "now interested in working towards some sort of formula for negotiations with Israel and for recognition of Israel as part of a package deal." — AP.

Politicians bicker, people starve: Emergency famine relief arrives by camel in the remote Red Sea hills, east Sudan

List submitted to 15-man military council for ratification

Sudanese politicians agree on cabinet of technocrats

From Jonathan Steele in Khartoum

Sudan's alliance of political parties agreed yesterday to submit a list of indepenent, non-party technocrats as the country's new cabinet.

The decision was reached after several hours of argument between the three main parties and seven trade unions. The list was discussed later with the transitional military council.

The decision represents the second concession made by civilian politicians since their combined protests and strikes two weeks ago led the army to overthrow Ja'afar Numeiri.

The parties originally wanted to share power with the military by setting up a five-member supreme council on which three civilians would serve along with General Swareddahab and a representative of the war-torn south.

But because of their delay in coming up with a political programme of action on which all the parties could agree, the military went ahead and announced that supreme power would be vested in a 15-member military council which would hold power for a year. The cabinet will only have limited legislative powers.

One problem is the mushrooming growth of political parties who want a share of the new democratic action. At the latest count, there were 77 trade unions and 29 parties.

A senior spokesman for the alliance of parties said that he did not blame the military for rejecting the joint civilian military council. "The high command repeatedly asked us to come forward with a programme last Sunday and Monday, and we were slow," he said.

A sign of potential strain among the civilians has already surfaced. The Muslim Brotherhood held a rally on Saturday, urging the army to maintain the system of Shari'a law set up by Mr Numeiri in 1983. This allowed for such harsh punishments as the cutting off of thieves' hand and was particularly unpopular in the south.

Most parties opposed the move at the time and would like to revert to the system of dual civil and Shari'a law whereby only the devout who choose to be judged by Islamic religious courts would have to submit to them.

At the rally, the former chief justice, Mr Ahmed Haj Nour, who was dismissed by Mr Numeiri two weeks before the coup, called for his death because he stole public money.

The high command took an important step yesterday to try to stamp out corruption by abolishing the Military Trading Corporation which allowed the army to import goods for themselves. According to Mr Sadiq al Mahdi, the leader of the Ansar sect and the Umma Party, the corporation was "an attempt to institutionalise bribery in the army."

Reuter adds: It was not clear yesterday whether the civilians were united on the cabinet list.

A spokesman for the military said without elaboration that the civilian representatives had asked for more time to discuss formation of a caretaker government.

Diplomatic sources said that they were apparently still arguing over names for the proposed cabinet.

The proposed government would include three ministers from the south, where rebels have been battling government troops, they said. But differences appear to remain among representatives of former political parties, the sources added.

Numeiri austerity to stay

NEW YORK: General Abdul-Rahman Swareddahab, leader of Sudan's military coup, said in an interview yesterday he would try to restore civilian control in a year, but in the meantime would maintain the previous government's austerity programme.

"We must carry on with the programme for the moment, or we might end up in a worse situation," General Swareddahab, head of the transitional military council of officers who overthrew Ja'afar Numeiri, told the New York Times. "The problem with the old regime was that they didn't explain things to the people. They imposed things right away without giving any reasons."

Widespread demonstrations that began two weeks ago against sharp increases in basic food commodities led to the coup by top military officers, who overthrew Mr Numeiri while he was visiting the US.

General Swareddahab, in what is believed to be his first interview with Western reporters since the April 6 coup, reiterated his earlier pledges to restore civilian rule

General Swareddahab, who was speaking in his Khartoum office in English, said that some aspects of the strict Islamic law imposed by Mr Numeiri in 1983 would be "amended" and "modified" to rectify what he called "incorrect and excessive" punishments.

The general also said there were no plans at this time to attempt to bring charges against Mr Numeiri, who stopped in Cairo on his way back to the Sudan and has remained there.

"We have more important issues to deal with during this period," he said. But, "If the people demand that he be tried, the cabinet will make a recommendation to the military council and we will follow their advice."—AP.

US providing 'secret' food supplies to two rebel-held provinces of Ethiopia

From David Ottaway in Washington

The United States has sponsored an unpublicised, year-long food supply programme in rebel-held areas of northern Ethiopia by way of the Sudan, and soon will ask the new Sudanese military government for permission to expand the effort.

Working through private relief agencies, the Agency for International Development already has approved 115,000 tons of food and 86 trucks for the operation.

The effort has become a delicate issue within the Reagan Administration because of its implications for already uncertain relations with pro-American Sudan and Soviet-backed, Marxist Ethiopia.

A new Khartoum regime has expressed a desire to improve relations with Ethiopia, and US officials fear that too much publicity about a food operation in cooperation with the US could lead the Sudan to scuttle the programme.

The US is also in delicate negotiations with the Ethiopian Government to allow the food to flow into the rebel-held territory through normal channels within the country. Officials said that they feared those negotiations could fail or, worse still, that the Ethiopians might decare the Sudan border-crossing a hostile act and attack the relief convoys or raid staging points in the Sudan.

The US operation may have implications for American contacts with other rebel groups. "It holds precedents for Afghanistan and Nicaragua," a senior Administration official said. "Is it legal to give humanitarian assistance to rebel groups across an international border?"

Administration officials involved in US efforts to help the Afghan rebels and Nicaraguan contras are said to be watching the Ethiopian operation with particular interest.

—There is now widespread agreement among US policymakers and private volunteer groups involved in the Ethiopian operation that the situation in the two northern provinces of Ethiopia, Tigré and Eritrea, has similarities with the experience in Biafra.

Biafra was the short-lived, self-declared state in eastern Nigeria where a bloody secessionist struggle was fought in 1967-70. Private US volunteer groups became deeply involved there in trying to save starving non-combatants. The relief groups sided with the independence-seeking Ibo people.

Today, as then, a number of private relief groups are pressing the US Government to take a more active role in Ethiopia.

One of the main differences between the US Government role in Biafra and in northern Ethiopia is that it never became involved, even indirectly, on the side of the Ibo. The danger now is that the US may become entangled in the Eritrea conflict, on the side of the secessionist groups. Officials concede they cannot be certain the aid goes to non-combatants.

The main conduits for US assistance have been New York-based Lutheran World Relief, and Mercy Corps International in Seattle. Aid also has been moving some of its supplies through the International Red Cross.—Washington Post.

Police watchful as Uitenhage buries its dead

From Leslie Xinwa in Uitenhage, S Africa

Three police light aeroplanes patrolled the skies as more than 50,000 mourners converged on a muddy stadium in Uitenhage at the weekend to bury 28 victims of South Africa's continuing unrest.

The service lasted for more than four hours and was interspersed by speeches and freedom songs.

Chief among the mourners was Mr Tikile Kobese, the Uitenhage chairman of the United Democratic Front (UDF), whose brother, Leslie, was killed in a petrol-bombing of their home last December.

Mr Kobese gave his account of the events leading up to the incident at Langa on March 21 when police opened fire on a crowd marching to a funeral in Kwanobuhle. He said disturbances preceding the shooting — the death of many residents and the banning of funerals — had forced residents to decide that they would bury their dead despite any banning orders.

The police and the army kept away from the funeral service on Saturday, except for the presence of the aeroplanes. But in the town of Uitenhage, large numbers of police and soldiers were on guard to ensure that the mourners took the shortest possible route through the town. The road from Kwanobuhle to Uitenhage's main industrial area was closed.

The burials passed off without violence and in the stadium, the atmosphere was more festive than tearful. One speaker said: "This is no time for tears, because if tears fill your eyes, you will not be able to see the enemy."

The guest speakers were the president of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, the Rev Alan Boesak, and the 1984 Nobel peace prize-winner, Bishop Desmond Tutu. Both are patrons of the UDF.

Bishop Tutu said freedom was not cheap. "The freedom we want is not a bonsella (free-gift) freedom. We are all, black and white in South Africa, going to be free, but many, many more are going to be detained, many, many more are going to face treason trials, many, many more are going to be banned and many,many more are going to die."

The bishop condemned the burning of bodies of "collaborators"; this undermined the blacks just cause. It was surprising, he said, that 25 years after Sharpeville, the South African Government had not developed a riot-control system that avoided killing people. In Poland and Northern Ireland rioters were not killed as in South Africa.

The service appeared to bring to the surface the determination of the main churches in Uitenhage to stand firm alongside the community. The ministers who spoke made an unequivocal call to Christians to throw their weight behind the liberation struggle.

THE FINNISH Foreign Minister, Mr Paavo Vaerynen, has again said his country will not unilaterally cut economic ties with South Africa, but would study ways of reducing trade and other economic links with Pretoria.—Reuter.

SA report urges sex law abolition

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

A joint parliamentary report, due to be tabled today, is almost certain to recommend the abolition of South Africa's laws prohibiting inter-racial sex and mixed marriages.

Compiled by members drawn from all three chambers of the triracial Parliament, the report will probably pave the way for legislation, likely to be passed beofre the end of the parliamentary session.

Coloured and Indian MPs, who have been criticised for participating in the Parliament, will be able to claim the credit for the reform. Both the Coloured and Indian chambers have already passed unanimous resolutions calling for abolition.

Reuter adds: Rioting erupted again in the black townships at the weekend and at least seven people were killed in the Eastern Cape, police said. Scores of people were arrested and several injured as police used pistols, shotguns, and teargas against the rioters.

Crowds of up to 2,000 in the Cape, Transvaal, and Orange Free State stoned police and army patrols, set up barricades and threw petrol bombs. On Saturday night, two youths died after being wounded by a black policeman who fired at a crowd of about 500 attacking his house near the Eastern Cape town of Uitenhage.

The unrest continued yesterday. In Kwazakele, near Port Elizabeth, a man staying in the home of a black policeman shot dead two youths who reportedly stoned the house.

New drought: the Rajshahi district, 200 miles north of Dhaka, Bangladesh, has had no rain for four months and aid is scarce

Kabul invites tribal leaders to national security talks

Delegates not expected to include government opponents

From Alex Brodie in Islamabad

The Afghan regime has announced that a Loya Jirgah grand national assembly — the traditional gathering of tribal leaders from all corners of the country — will be held within the next 11 months.

The leaders are expected to represent only those on the government side. A long official statement, stressing that such an assembly had traditionally been called at "sensitive historic moments," was broadcast for two consecutive nights on Kabul radio.

The assembly, which is to be held by next March, would discuss ways of "maintaining reliable peace and security, halting intervention by imperialist and reactionary forces, preventing Afghan blood being shed by Afghan, and implementing the revolution."

Among those attending will be party and government leaders, as well as "authoritative representatives of workers, peasants, intelligentsia, and other workers of all nationalities, tribes and clans, credible clergy, and elders."

Loya Jirgahs, which have been infrequently called, are supposed to bring together the great diversity of tribes and nationalities within the country. The last such gathering was in December, 1979, just before the Russian invasion. Perhaps the most successful in recent times was called in 1964 by the King Zahir Shah to draft a new constitution.

"On the whole, the delegates appeared to represent the full range of social, political and religious opinion," the historian, Louis Dupree, who attended, said.

This was in contrast to the usual practice when anti-government candidates were screened out by the government of the day, Mr Dupree wrote. This is likely to be the case when Kabul holds elections to select delegates to its Jirgah.

Observers believe that even if the regime wanted to hold a truly representative assembly, it would be impossible given the state of war throughout Afghanistan.

Kabul's announcement follows several others stressing the regime's commitment to traditional ways. Recently these seem to have been aimed particularly at the tribes — in the border buffer zone between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Hu rejects calls for press freedom

Peking: The Communist Party chief, Mr Hu Yaobang, has publicly rejected calls for more press freedom and insisted that the news media remain under tight party control.

In a major policy speech printed in the People's Daily, Mr Hu came down firmly against calls here for papers to be given greater financial and publishing independence. "The slogan 'freedom of creation' for literature and art cannot be copied mechanically for journalism," he said in the speech delivered to the party secretariat on February 8.

"All newspapers and magazines . . . should operate under the unified leadership of the party and follow the party's lines, principles and policies."

He attacked the unofficial tabloid newspapers which have appeared recently as spreaders of "spiritual pollution"—the catchphrase of a brief 1983 campaign that was suspended after diehard leftwing officials used it to attack aspects of China's economic reforms.

Hanoi plans withdrawal 'by 1995'

Hanoi: Vietnam plans to withdraw one-third of its troops from Kampuchea by the end of this year, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Co Thach has said.

In an interview giving the first detailed outline of Hanoi's military plans in Kampuchea, Mr Thach said that by 1987 Vietnam's troop strength there would be halved from the present level if no negotiated settlement were reached.

In 1990, two-thirds of the troops would be back in Vietnam and by 1995 Kampuchea's armed forces would defend the country alone with all Vietnamese troops withdrawn, he said.

Vietnam has not announced how many troops at present are in Kampuchea, but Western diplomats estimate there are up to 180,000 soldiers fighting guerrilla groups mainly along the Thai border.

Diplomats have also dismissed Vietnam's announcement over the past year of small-scale pullouts — including the withdrawal of 10,000 troops earlier this month — as troop rotations and a propaganda ploy.

Vietnamese troops first moved into Kampuchea in December 1978, toppling the Khmer Rouge in the next month and installing the Heng Samring Government in Phnom Penh.

The Khmer Rouge are now linked with the Khmer People's National Liberation Front and supporters of Prince Norodom Sihanouk in a guerrilla coalition recognised by the UN as Kampuchea's legitimate government.

Mr Thach said that a total troop pullout was possible in 10 years' time because by then Kampuchea's armed forces would be trained and able to look after the country's own security.

Vietnam would welcome a negotiated settlement of the Kampuchea issue to speed up troop withdrawals, he said, but time was running out if the views of other countries in the region like Asean were to be considered.

He expected negotiations on a settlement between Vietnam and Indonesia, Asean's interlocutor with Hanoi, to start before the end of this year.—Reuter.

Unesco chief woos Japanese

From Colin Shaw in Paris

The beleaguered head of Unesco, Mr Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow, flew to Tokyo yesterday to urge the Japanese not to carry out their threat to quit the organisation.

He is expected to argue that demands for reforms inside the agency have been met and to ask for more time to implement them.

Japan, the second biggest contributor to Unesco after the Soviet Union and the latest member state to threaten withdrawal, said in February that progress on reform was insufficient and warned that it would reconsider its membership unless more reforms were made by the end of the year.

The Senegalese director-general, under heavy fire from Western countries, insisted in an interview that there was no question of his resigning.

Unesco lost $43 million in contributions this year when the US, which supplied a quarter of the agency's budget, withdrew from the 161-member organisation in December, accusing it of mismanagement, extravagance, and of being anti-Western.

The Geneva group of Western-orientated countries, which together pay 70 per cent of the budgets of the main UN agencies, last month demanded "significant progress" on reforms inside Unesco, including budget cuts, before a meeting next month of the organisation's executive board. This week, a special 13-member committee of the board set up meets to consider progress on changes agreed last October.

Britain and Singapore have said they will follow the US out of Unesco at the end of the year unless changes are made. Britain will review the situation after Unesco's general conference in Sofia in October.

Britain wants fewer studies and more action-orientated projects, more effective use of resources, less overlap with other UN agencies, a shift of UN agencies, a shift of resources from Unesco's Paris headquarters, and the appointment of outside advisers.

Mr M'Bow said he would be very sorry if Britain, a founding member, left. This would jeopardise the organisation's universality.

Tamil clashes with Muslim minority leave 13 dead

From Eric Silver in Colombo

Deteriorating relations between Sri Lanka's main minority communities, the Tamils and the Muslims, culminated at the weekend with the imposition of a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Akkaraipattu in the troubled eastern province.

A week of increasing friction in the northern and eastern provinces has seen 13 people killed during the spring harvest new year in two separate incidents and about 50 houses burned to the ground.

Four Tamils and one Muslim died in the eastern town of Karativu, which is known as a haven for Tamil insurgents. Muslims do not support Tamil demands for a separate state.

A Muslim mob is reported to have attacked Tamil residents in retaliation for the murder early last week of three Muslims near Mannar in the northern province. Two of these Muslims were shot dead in a mosque, after allegations that they were police informers.

Fighting spread to neighbouring villages at the weekend in an area with a large population of Muslim businessmen and farmers. About 50 houses, belonging to Muslims and Tamils, were destroyed. A Government spokesman said yesterday that the security forces were trying to restore order.

Elsewhere in the eastern province eight Tamil gunmen died near the town of Akkaraipattu. Government sources said they opened fire on a police patrol, then fled in a stolen jeep, which crashed off the road when the police gave chase. Four bodies were found in the wreckage. The other gunmen were said to have been shot dead when they came out firing at their pursuers.

The Tamils are Sri Lanka's second largest community, representing 12.6 per cent of the island's citizens. The Muslims come next with 7.6 per cent, most of whom are Tamil-speaking. The Tamil separatists claim them as part of their constituency, but most Muslims resist an ysuch identification.

In its confrontation with the Tamils, the Government, dominated by the Sinhalese majority, has been careful not to alienate the Muslims. President Junius Jayewardene's foreign and transport ministers are Muslims.

A Muslim MP from the eastern province, Mr A. R. Munsoor, said last night: "I am very worried about the deteriorating situation. The Tamil militants have recently been harassing Muslims, robbing them and demanding money, as well as disturbing their educational institutions."

Mr Munsoor insisted that Muslims wanted a united Sri Lanka. None of them, he said, supported Tamil demands for a divided island. "What we want most is a negotiated settlement."

The general secretary of the biggest Tamil party, the Tamil United Liberation Front, Mr Appapillai Amirthalingum, appealed from selfimposed exile in south India yesterday for both communities to keep calm and not be provoked.

While stopping short of naming the Government, a Tulf spokesman here, Mr Neelan Tiruchelvam, added: "We feel that extraneous forces might be formenting discord. We hope the situation will return to normal very quickly.

"Traditionally, relations between Tamils and Muslims have been very strong. The two minorities have similar problems and have worked together. We view the recent events as an aberration."

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The Bishop of Durham : Nothing is certain, but everything is possible. Picture by Denis Thorpe

A theology for the liberation of tomorrow's Britain

DAVID JENKINS

THERE is involved in Christian faith a claim about reality, inherited from the prophets and as vindicated in Jesus. This is the claim *that history can, must and* will be related to the kingdom and community of God. But this is not an invitation to, or a licence for, any form of historicism. It does not admit or encourage the belief that history has one clear pattern or direction which is discernible, achievable or inevitable. To clamp a pattern on history or to claim that we have the esoteric knowledge which gives us the vital clue to history is to misunderstand both the God of Freedom and the Freedom of God and so to *misunderstand* the human predicament and the human contradiction. Our lives in history are not the substance of the Kingdom of God only the material for it.

What is involved here is a profound question about our understanding of God. God is not the mastermind of a vast *construction activity, planned* in computerised fashion from the beginning and moving on inevitably to a predetermined and preconceived end. He (and She and It — for how can gender pronouns be sufficient for the mystery of God) is much more *like* a master Artist (and a mistress Artist). This mysterious Artist is committed in passion, righteousness and holiness, to *an infinite* creative activity, launched by love and seeking, making and feeling ways forward by freedom and in freedom. The movement and the struggle is through tremendous risks, to the fulfilment of a *committment, a vision* and a hope which will establish a community and a kingdom commensurate with the *initial* love and the consequent cost and the subsequent promise. Nothing is certain, but everything is possible. Such *committed* and constructive openness is the basic condition of freedom and love.

Faith of this sort in a God *of this sort* has an immediate bearing on the urgent practical issues of our society *and our politics. For it* calls for a recovery of nerve about the possibilities of politics and the possibilities of progress in our society. *This is because such a faith* sets us free from the determinism and despair of dialectics and from the apathy of randomness and powerlessness. If our lives in the world are open to God then we need not be trapped *in dialectic, or lost in* randomness.

Yet these are the only alternatives which seem to be perceived in this country at the moment. We are caught in a politics of confrontation *which is shaped (whether* consciously or unconsciously) by a slogan or two from vulgar Marxism. Everything is to be understood and dealt with in terms of conflict and power struggle between the class of capitalist individualists on the one hand and the class of collectivised wage earners on the other. This view is taken as much by the Right as by the Left.

The attempt to construct a Welfare State which was entered into so *enthusiastically* after the 1939-45 war has run into acute difficulties and many disappointments. These difficulties and disappointments are diagnosed by the Right as being the inevitable consequences of attempts at Socialism. The malaise of the Welfare State and the inability of this country to break out of recession are seen to be *symptoms* of the same disease as holds Eastern Europe in its conditions of tyranny and inefficiency. This is the disease of Socialism and Collectivisation which inevitably destroys economic efficiency, innovation and advance.

Before this became evident and in the euphoria and relief of the immediate post-war period socialism was seen as the way forward. Indeed, *at the height of the* Socialist enthusiasm and fervour it was held that "there is only one Way Left." This way has proved a dead end. It has lead to neither freedom nor economic expansion, nor social and industrial *flexibility. The evident* failure of "Only One Way Left" has now made it clear, so it is firmly believed and preached, that "there is only *one Way Right." So there is* no relalistic alternative to the new conservatism and anyone who suggests there is, is a romantic, an incompetent sentimentalist and a wet.

But this is simply vulgar Marxism in reverse. The Marxist doctrine speaks of *the spurious freedom* of the bourgeoisie being at the expense of the real freedom of the workers, which freedom is alone universalisable in the eventual classless society after the withering away of the State. The new Right have *diagnosis* and *faith* which is the mirror image of this. The spurious freedom which is to be resisted is that of the Socialist collective of the workers which has been attempted at the expense of the true freedom of the bourgeois individualists. It is *this* freedom which is alone universalisable after the market has been liberated to work its wonders and *there emerges the freedom* of a property owning democracy while the State has been reduced to the absolute minimum.

These two myopic and mirror-image views of the world now dominate such political thinking as there is and apparently mesmerise all *those (almost certainly the* majority) who do not find either view convincing or hopeful, not least because they are really one view and feed on one another in sustaining their respective claims to be "realistic." If you view *the dialectic from* the Right then the miners are to be utterly defeated for they represent the shock troops of militant socialist workers, as is evidenced by their being lead by a militant revolutionary. Any attempt *to* suggest that there are human and communal factors independent of this and mixed up in this is dismissed as an utter failure to face up to the realities of power and the urgent need to prevent revolution.

If you view the dialectic from the Left then the miners are the heroes of the revolution and the police are the shock troops of bourgeois repression. Any attempt to suggest that there are, independently of this and mixed up in this, urgent and difficult *questions about obsolescence,* economic recession and wealth production, flexibility and the communal and personal stresses of change is dismissed as an utter failure to face up to the realities of power and *the urgent need to promote* revolution.

That we are, at any rate for the moment, trapped in this dialectic understanding is evidenced by the current embarrassment and ineffectiveness of the "soft" Left and the "wet" Right. Social Democrats, whether in the Labour Party or outside it, often seem to behave as if they had at least a sneaking feeling that the hard Left are the only real and *realistic activists.* At *least* they cannot be challenged head on.

Similarly Conservatives with a sense of the strong Conservative traditions for corporate caring and an organic approach to many social problems seem hardly to have the courage of their *convictions* and *a sneaking* feeling that the market monetarists are the only realists. This means more and more people, who feel that the dialectic, whether viewed from the Right or from the Left, offers much more confrontation and misery than real promise or hope are driven towards the view that politics are hopeless so that one must either take refuge in apathy or else invest one's energies in some single issue which is then identified as the central issue of political and human significance.

All this shows how urgent it is that we in this country should develop a liberation theology of our own. This would be a theology which struggled, worked and experimented to develop an understanding of the God of freedom and the freedom of God which effectively related the biblical tradition of this God to the actual state of affairs in this country and thus helped both in renewing faith in God and also in renewing our politics.

We need to rediscover that we were not mistaken when we committed ourselves, with a considerable degree of consensus, to working out a Welfare State which would substantially contribute to setting people free from unnecessary ill-health, hopeless poverty or acute want and *which would make some* movement, however slight, along the path to more justice, more caring and less thoughtless and ignored exploitation.

While British liberation theology will take some of the diagnoses of Marxism very seriously, it will not in any way be dominated by *Marxism.* We must work out our own liberation theology, related to our needs and to what we can discern through seeking to be faithful to the God of the prophets and the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The main *thrust of this liberation theology* will, I am clear, include the following.

We must resume our search for progress in the direction of *justice,* increase of democratic participation and the organisation of systematic and social caring. To give up the central concerns of the Welfare State and the Beveridge Report because we have run into difficulties is sheer faithlessness and inhumanity. To return to the etchics of 19th century entrepreneurial individualism is either nostaligic nonesense *or else a firm declaration* that individual selfishness and organised greed are the only effective motivations for human behaviour.

Of course we must be realistic about sin. Romantic utopianism which supposes all will be well both with the needs of production and *with the way power is* exercised once the people are set to be in charge of their own common possessions and their own common destiny, makes the disastrous mistake of rooting all human failings in our social and economic *structures, and ignores* the role of our often selfish and grasping heads and hearts and spirits. But *to* promote a materialistic market-orientated *individualism* as the key to human social progress is to make an equally destructive mistake about the possibilities and needs of men and women and to turn one's back on real political and social progress which has been *made. Realism about sin* should not lead to cynicism about altruism and justice or pessimism about the possibilities of collective organisation and communal caring.

In the name of the God of the Bible and of Jesus Christ we must challenge this and confront it. We must admit *that the way forward is* neither obvious nor easy but in the name of God and for the sake of our humanity we must insist that we cannot go backward into a 21st century *version of the 19th* century. That way destruction *and misery lie.*

Secondly, we must insist on the urgent reality and relevance of the judgment of God. To ignore the poor or *to claim that they cannot* be counted into society until we have made more money or that we must lay greater burdens on them to ensure that they are more ready to work at any cost is morally questionable, prudentially *dangerous* (for how much pressure will how many take for how long?) and a deliberate *declaration of no sympathy* or compassion with their plight. A society which does such things deliberately and refuses to recognise that that is what it is doing, is a society which is tearing *itself* apart and heading for turbulance and disaster. Such a society can be no base for the learnig and experimenting we have to undergo together to find a viable way forward into an uncertain *and pretty tough future.*

To progress we shall need all our personal and communal resources as well as all our economic resources. To develop these resources, *not* least the economic ones, every effort has to be made to combat attitudes, events and statistics which suggest that the substantial minority of our fellows are second or third class citizens or not even citizens at all.

To recognise that our society is under judgment for what it is doing to steadily increasing numbers of those who are excluded from the benefits enjoyed by the majority, is not to know at once what is to be done about it. It is however to recognise *them as citizens along with* us and to commit ourselves to conscious, explicit and shared efforts to develop our common good and multiply our common resources. It is also to acknowledge the urgency of this judgment and *to challenge the complacent* enjoyment of jam today by some, when for others there is no promise even of jam tomorrow.

Thirdly, a liberation theology will search for ways of innovation, experiment and risk. For example, trade unions will have to risk new *forms of wages, flexibility* and new forms of work sharing. Management will have to risk new forms of participation and of limitation of prvileges and salaries for themselves and their directors. Many unthinkable *things (eg maximum* and minimum wages) will have to become thinkable, including, probably, government risks over decentralisation and regionalisation.

Fourthly, liberation theology will have to work at building up communities of endurance around a celebration of the gospel of God who is committed to our world, our society and our *future* for the sake of *His* Kingdom. For it is certain that we shall have much to endure, including uncertainty, turbulance, violence *and people feeling that there* is no hope and no way forward. In God and under God *this is not true, but* sometimes the only way of fighting through to a way forward will be communities of endurance who can hope against hope, as the prophets did.

This is an edited extract from the Hibbert Lecture, delivered on Radio 4 last night by the Bishop of Durham, the Right Reverend David Jenkins.

A question of balance on human rights

Zbynek Zeman

THE LONDON headquarters of Amnesty International in *the early* 1970s cost about £24,000 a year to run, including the salaries of a few staff members, in the early 1970s. Now the annual budget *is moving close to £4 million,* and its offices will soon accommodate about 200 employees. Amnesty speaks to governments on equal terms, distributes glossy publications, and its staff make the round on the international *organisations circuit.* The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to it in 1977.

From a small voluntary society, Amnesty has grown *into a large non-governmental* bureaucracy. From having been sharply focused on cases of individual Prisoners of Conscience, it conducts worldwide campaigns on behalf of whole groups of prisoners. Prisoners for instance under preventive detention, prisoners sentenced to death, prisoners put to *torture* are included in the campaigns, whether they used violence or not. The perennial Amnesty controversy, concerning the uses of violence and the right of governments to resist it, is fast fading from the organisation's memory.

Amnesty is a singular international agency in that it *relies mainly on its voluntary* membership for the execution of its policies. Its professional staff either services or polices the voluntary organisation. Staff spend more time on problems of organisation than dealing *with political imprisonment.*

Membership has continued to grow in Western Europe, and Amnesty took off in post-Vietnam America. Its leaner limbs reach into the Third World. At the last count there were five national sections in Africa; six in Latin America; and seven in Asia, including Japan. In its Third World outposts there is the danger *that a national section would* draw too close to the government, or provide the rest of the organistaion with new prisoners of conscience. Amnesty and its International Executive Committee (IEC), drawn almost exclusively from the strongest *national* sections, pursues extension with missionary zeal. The imprint of an inward-looking organisation can be found *now in almost everything* Amnesty does. The Amnesty International Handbook represents an attempt to make the membership conform to the standards of the organisation.

It contains gruesome pho*tographs of torture side by* side with silly, cosy cartoons. On the one hand, it presents the picture of Amnesty as a well-intentioned organisation, abiding by sensible rules. On the other is the cruel outside world, replete with undifferentiated brutality. The Annual Report has become a repetitive catalogue of infringements of human rights. It is useful, but makes no *attempt to differentiate* between the regions it is divided into, nor between the countires within the regions.

Amnesty prides itself on the quality of its information, but does not always behave as if it believed its own claim. *In the* past decade or so, the relative importance of the research department within the international secretariat has declined sharply. The department is becoming exhausted, because its members spend a lot of their *time doing the wrong kind* of work. One example arises from the Russian dissidents who formed an Amnesty group in Moscow in 1973.

The aftermath of that initiative is briefly noted in the annual report. In 1983, the *chairman* of the group was stripped of his citizenship, and its former secretary arrested. The report blandly suggests that the prosecution of the secretary had nothing to do with his previous membership of Amnesty. Depleted as it is, the group, is still listed among Amnesty's national sections and groups.

It may be *that Amnesty* organisation and its activitics cannot be acceptable to the Russian authorities, and to *those of Moscow's allies,* in any circumstances. Some of Amnesty's members may prefer keeping it that way. There is little evidence that the organisation has addressed itself to the problem with any vigour. It is ridden the high tide of international interest in human rights. It has benefited, at least indirectly from the incorporation of human rights into Western policies. *It is no co*incidence that it entered the period of its fastest growth at the beginning of intense diplomatic bargaining between *the West and the* East, at the end of 1973.

The sharpest controversy during those diplomatic negotiations centred on human rights. There was the accord in the summer of 1975 at Helsinki. Here, the Russians reluctantly accepted *the po*litical principle of human rights, and the West confirmed its acceptance *of the* political geography of post-war Europe. Soon came President Carter's novel use of human rights in American foreign policy. The most powerful government in the world moved into Amnesty's area. Amnesty *should have* taken the credit, and paused for thought.

The cutting edge of President Carter's human rights policies was not poised over any particular countries. Under President Reagan, parts of it have been

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retained. It became what the Russians have always suspected it to be. Reagan's foreign policy spokesmen have *identified struggle* against the evil empire of communism with the struggle for human rights. America and Russia will perhaps achieve some accommodation on nuclear arms. In other areas, political confrontation be*tween the super-powers* will increase.

In the new international climate, Amnesty will find it even less easy to keep its tight balancing act going. In a world increasingly threatened by famine and disaster on the ground and by nuclear destruction from above, Amnesty occupies an uncertain middle ground. It has laid aside its previous, strong concern with the political uses of violence. The prisoners of conscience have been moved off centre. It could usefully review the components which make up its claim to political impartiality, and could do worse than return to first principles.

Sooner or later, Amnesty *will have to face the fact that* its membership cannot be controlled from one centre. The international committee of the Red Cross and the national Red Cross organisations have drawn apart from each other over the years. Neither party has been the loser. Amnesty may choose to follow a similar route.

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Why the surrogacy bill can only play midwife to confusion

OUT OF COURT

Geoffrey Robertson

THE Government's latest attempt to make people good by Act of Parliament is the Surrogacy Arrangements Bill, which receives the second reading in the House of Commons today. It responds to one recent and much publicised case of commercial surrogacy by seeking to outlaw profiteering American-style recruitment agencies, and is to that extent welcome. But it contains a number of objectionable features — strict liability, reversal of the burden of proof and absence of any right to jury trial — and as drafted it poses problems for professionals who may be moved to assist justifiable surrogacy arrangement.

Surrogacy can, in exceptional cases, provide an acceptable means of relieving infertility. Where a woman cannot or should not carry children as a result of a medical condition, such as heart disease or womb defect or proneness to miscarriage, the aid of AID and a willing surrogate may produce a wanted child. A woman with functioning ovaries but a damaged womb can *achieve* children which are genetically hers as well as her husband's after laparoscopies for ovum recovery, in vitro *fertilisation* and embryo transfer to a surrogate. Such cases may be rare, but they provide the exceptions which disprove any rule of law designed to suppress surrogacy services altogether.

The Bill, *reasonably* enough, is aimed at surrogacy deals negotiated by commercial agencies. It creates a new offence carrying *up to three months* imprisonment or a fine of £2,000 for participating on a commercial basis in any activity involved in the making of a surrogacy arrangement. Trans-Atlantic baby farmers like Ms Harriet Blankfield will henceforth find Britain stony ground, unless they are prepared for their surrogates to bear children for love and not money.

The Bill does not incriminate private surrogacy ar*rangements: men may negotiate* direct with potential surrogates and offer a fee for their services, but both parties must negotiate without the advantage of paid professional advice. The doctor or lawyer who assists any such arrangement or counsels either party to it would commit an offence. In this respect the Bill conduces to *amateurish* or *exploitative* "do it yourself" arrangements in an area which, if it is to be explored at all, should at least have the bene*fit of full medical,* legal and counselling services.

This is the major problem with a piece of legislation hastily designed to remedy *one particular* abuse, without making any provision for the circumstances in which surrogacy arrangements may be justifiable. It would be possible to draft an amendment to permit those contemplating legitimate surrogate arrangements to have the paid assistance of quali*fied professionals.* But it would be much more satisfactory to spell out the circumstances in which such arrangements would be legitimate: for example, only in cases of infertility and subject to safeguards such as medical supervision, genetic screening of the surrogate, and adequate counselling.

As the law stands, it is *likely* that any attempt to enforce a surrogacy contract would fail on the grounds that it was contrary to public policy. Since Parliament *is dealing* with the subject, it could determine that any such contract would be void unless it were drawn up by an approved non-profit making agency, provided for the right of the surrogate to change her mind and keep the child (if it were genetically hers) and made provision for the surrogate to receive adequate counselling and payment of expenses and an appropriate fee. In the exceptional cases when surrogacy arrangements are justifiable, it is undesirable that they cannot be governed by a *valid contract.*

There is little prospect, however, that Parliament will be prepared to think through the problem further than a ban on commercial agencies, although there will doubtless be back-bench attempts to amend the Bill to ban surrogacy arrangements altogether. But whatever the hostility to commercial surrogacy, it should not be permitted to justify the Bill's breach of some basic standards of fairness.

For example, several sections reverse the burden of proof. Instead of requiring that the prosecution prove essential elements of the new criminal offences, the onus is placed on the defendant—to prove that he did not know that payment had been made, or made in respect of a surrogacy arrangement, or that the body of which he was a member was engaged in providing surrogacy services. These are all matters which the police should have investigated before any proceedings are brought, and to permit a prosecution to be launched without such evidence is to put innocent *people at risk of conviction* by obliging them to prove their innocence.

There is a particularly oppressive clause which imposes strict criminal liability on newspaper proprietors and editors *who unwittingly* publish advertisements "containing an indication (however expressed)" that surrogacy services may be *sought or may be available.* While an offence of "knowingly" publishing such advertisements may be warranted, the Bill imposes *personal* liability on editors even when they have no idea that some ambigious advert has mistakenly slipped into their classified columns.

Radio and television executives must at least know the real purport of the advertisement before they can be convicted, but the ban on any *mention of surrogacy* advertisements extends to references to them in news and current affairs reports. Absurdly, if Checkpoint discovered an illegal surrogacy service advertising emphemistically in the Times, and reported the words of the advert in the course of exposing it, then both Roger Cook and Charles Douglas-Home would be guilty of an offence.

The Surrogacy Arrangements Bill is, finally, yet another example of the Govern*ment's determination to* avoid jury trial for controversial offences. The jury option is available as of right whenever the maximum pun*ishment is set at more than* six months: the period chosen in the Bill is Three months. Even so, the Government could still make special *provision for jury trial,* a mode particularly appropriate for deciding questions of fact where distinguished reputations may be at stake. *Its reluctance to abide by* the verdict of twelve good men and women and true is the surest indication of lack of confidence in its new legislation.

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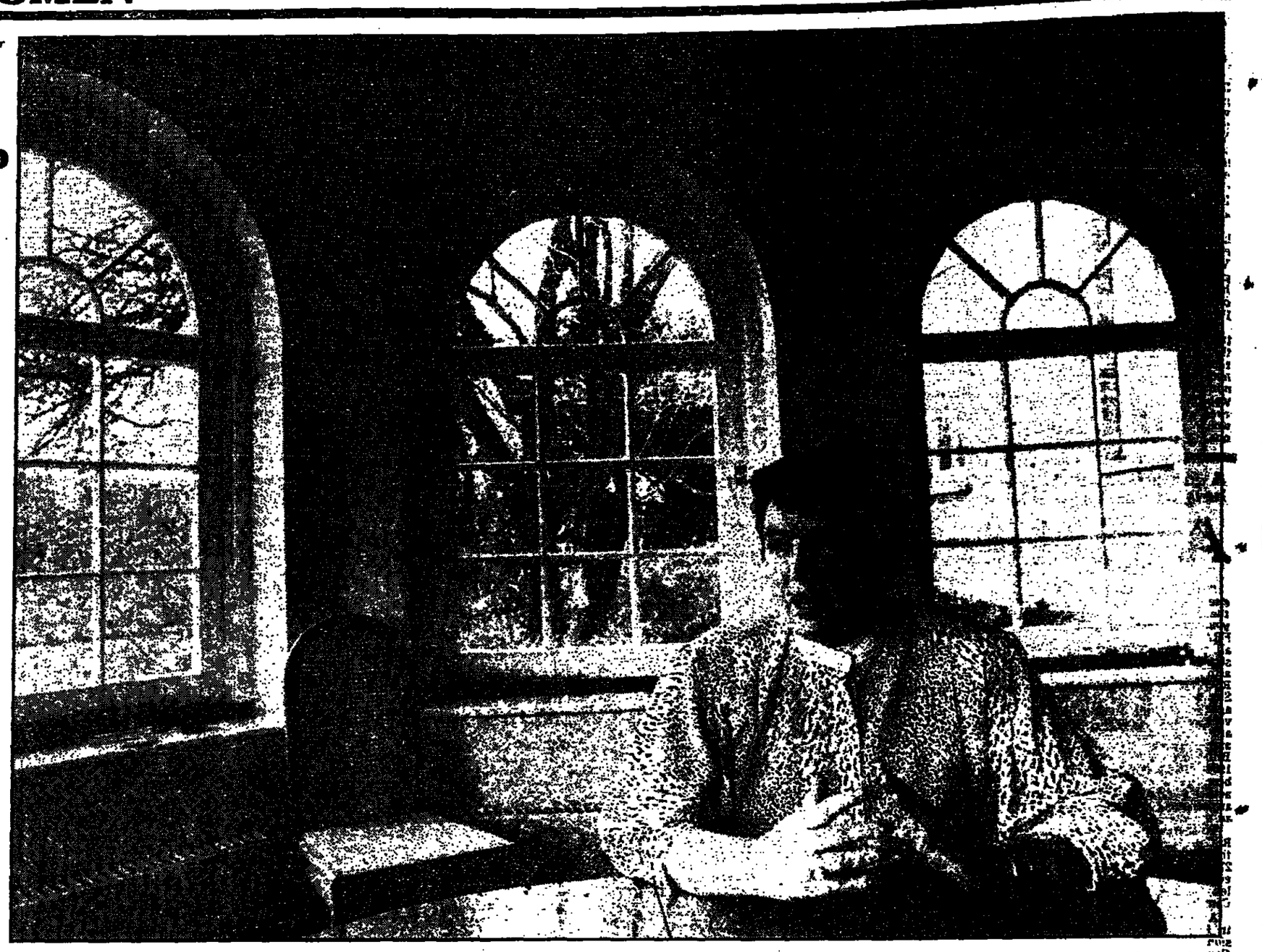
Picture of Steve Shirley by Garry Weaser



The computer can do more to free women than the liberation movement. And Steve Shirley is proving it. Her company employs 1,000 people, almost all of them women, and half the women with children under school age. They work from home, in hours to suit the individual. And unlike most other home workers, they are not sweated labour: they are both highly skilled and well paid

Polly Toynbee

BIG TIME women entrepreneurs are a scarce commodity. Those who do exist mostly started their companies in a small way, building on traditional women's skills in fashion, cosmetics, shops, or secretarial agencies. There was Mary Quant, or Anita Roddick of *The Body Shop*, or dancer Debbie Moore who founded Pineapple Studios. But Steve Shirley plunged straight into the male business world when she started F International, one of Britain's largest independent computing consultancy and software companies. She employs 1,000 people and has a turnover this year of over £7 millions.

Her company designs specialised computer programs for businesses of all kinds. It has developed a wiring system for a British Aerospace plane, a system used by the fleet in the Falklands, another for controlling Lyons bakeries, a part of the flight box recorder for Concorde, a stock control system for Mothercare, a program for monitoring the inside of sewers, another for Walls ice cream salesmen to operate on their rounds, another for scheduling Tate and Lyle delivery vans, a program giving benefit entitlements for Citizens Advice Bureaux — and much more.

Ninety-four per cent of the people who work for F International are women — over half of whom have children under school age. All work at home, in their own flexible time to suit the needs of their families. The brilliance of Steve Shirley's system has been to make use of the skills that are wasted when women are forced to leave work to bring up children. There is a great skill shortage in these upper echelons of business analysis and computer programming. Half of her employees have degrees, and the other half are of degree standard.

Highly trained women are pushed out of all kinds of careers by the rigidity of office hours, and traditional career structures. Yet there is no reason why almost all office-based work should not be conducted from home in hours to suit each employee. F International is offering skilled women at home not just a job to tide them over the difficult years with young children, but a proper career. Most of them stay on once their children are at school and they could go back to office-based work. This is the hi-tech future often talked about, but warily avoided by most big traditional office-based companies.

"People are so resistant to change," says Steve Shirley. The skill in her business is in getting people to welcome innovation. "Anyone can produce an efficient new system for a company — but it has to be effective, and that means people have to want to use it. They can zap any system they don't like." Her all-female teams of experts are less threatening and more sympathetic; better, she says, at understanding how to get people to feel enthusiastic about a new system in a company.

Steve Shirley points to all the advantages of hi-tech. "We get more work per hour out of our employees, as they concentrate hard in bursts when they are at their most creative." There are far fewer overheads. "Teams work together on projects, under a project manager who supervises and co-ordinates the program they are devising for a particular client, communicating by telephone, not meeting in an office."

Traditionally, home workers have been the most exploited of all. The very term summons up images of women packing Christmas cards, glueing paper crackers, or knitting sweaters for a few pence an hour. But these women, who must work a minimum of 20 hours a week, are among the highest earners in their field.

Steve Shirley has just come back from California, where she saw new housing estates in Sacramento especially designed for people who expect to spend their lives working at home. What used to be called an office or a study in an upmarket house is now called a teleport in real estate jargon, where people sit at the computers and word processors with modems attached that keep them in constant computer contact with their employer.

Steve Shirley is one of those entrepreneurs for whom personal and business success is not enough. She is impatient, constantly seeking ways to use her own experience to influence others, teaching others how to start up, persuading governments to make it easier, and encouraging women into new endeavours. She is to be found on many government committees, has been awarded the OBE, and is called frequently to advise Lord Young, the Cabinet Minister with special responsibility for employment. The first time she was invited to Number 10 she introduced herself boldly to a man, and asked him who he was: "The name's Thatcher," he said, and she blushed.

She is now 51, and she came into computing in its earliest days. Well, perhaps not quite. In the boardroom of the head office in Chesham, there is a portrait of Ada Augusta Byron, Countess Lovelace, Byron's daughter, a mathematician who worked as personal assistant to Charles Babbage, inventor of the first computer, or analytical engine as he called it. She was the first woman into computing.

Steve Shirley came to England as a child refugee from pre-war Germany and was educated in grammar schools in Oswestry and Birmingham. She went straight from school into work at 18 as a scientific assistant at a Post Office research station. There were few women working there. After a year or two she decided to get a degree in maths the hard way through night school and a day release course. Calculators and computers were being researched there at the time, and she worked on ERNIE, the premium bond computer. She also worked on an early electronic telephone exchange. It was that, and early work on radar, that led to the development of the modern computer.

Her husband was a physicist in the Post Office. She left as soon as they got married, influenced by the old Civil Service principle that it is unwise for husband and wife to work in the same place. She went to work for ICL in software development for an early computer, where she found herself rapidly moving from the purely technical into the managerial, in charge of teams of 15 and 20 people. All those she was now working with were men, and she felt compelled to show she was as good and as tough as them. She worked nights, although being newly married it was destructive of her family life. "I also used to wear grey suits so that I could hide amongst them. But I've grown out of that now. No more grey suits," she says. Though she still calls herself Steve, not Stephanie.

Then she had a child and found that it is almost impossible to compete with men on equal terms within the rigid hours and demands of life in a conventional office. "But of course I could see that software development doesn't require on-site work in an office. I decided to freelance, and to gather a team around me to work together from home."

Since then her team has grown to 1,000, and on an exponential curve, is soaring upwards faster and faster. She used to operate a profit sharing system for employees which she says did not work well, and is now turning it into a share ownership scheme. The company has subsidiaries all over Europe, Scandinavia, and America, an export drive driven by her own need to feel useful and to break new ground as much as a desire for profits as easily gained at home.

In spite of her confidence, she remains startled by her own success. "I'm completely astonished at myself," she says. "All my family, both parents, my sister, my husband, my in-laws, were all in public service, all civil servants. I never thought of starting my own business, never considered myself an entrepreneur."

Now she sets out to teach others how to do it. "Schools and university careers teachers never prepare people for that option. It's all a job working for someone else, a profession. They have no knowledge about how they could borrow money, and set up on their own." She looks at the businesses that could be run in the same way. "Publishing, advertising, public relations, graphics, technical writing, translating, catering, beauty, sport, selling, franchising ..." She is impatient with schools that fail to teach the most basic book-keeping. She is angry with governments that make employing even one person a nightmare of paperwork, and with a tax and insurance system that thrusts people into the black economy through red tape.

Job-sharing, flexibility, and part-time work are the hope for the future, she says. People need work that suits their lives, and she has shown how that can be made to pay all round. Companies need that flexibility in their own labour force, so they can command more work at busy times, and less at slack times. She makes it sound easy — and perhaps it is indeed easier than most conservative companies will admit.

F International, Berkhamsted, Bucks, is growing apace, anxious to recruit from all over the country, and is looking for people to work at home with at least four years' experience in the industry.

Asexual servant

Whitehall hopes to banish sexism from its rule book. Nan Biles reports

THON, Rey, Hesh and Hir — not characters in a space fiction television serial or a Steven Spielberg big screen epic, but non-sexist pronouns developed and used in the United States (where else?).

Across the Atlantic, some of our American cousins have been concentrating their minds on ways and means of advancing the cause of the post-Pankhurst, non-violent movement towards equality. The little words above are some of the suggestions taken up.

A small Whitehall team has been looking at this area, too. Seven volumes of Proustian length and detail contain the terms and conditions of the employment of civil servants. Known as the Code and Guide, the full title of this sequence of tomes is The Civil Service Pay and Conditions of Service Code and Establishment Officers' Guide.

The Code is an open document in four volumes setting out the "rules" and is available to all staff and the Guide — in three volumes — gives guidance for managers. Both contain language which is formal, bureaucratic, legalistic, often obscure and predominantly masculine.

Senior managers in the Cabinet Office (Management and Personnel Office) initiated a review of the documents after much criticism from staff, departmental managers and from a judge at an Employment Appeal Tribunal about difficulty in finding quickly and in a form readily understood, advice relevant to immediate problems. The review is intended to support changes climate related to the Financial Management Initiative and Review of Personnel Work (greater responsibility for local managers), the Plain English Campaign and Equal Opportunities.

Tony Phillips, the assistant secretary who headed the team, was attracted to the idea of returning to the pre-nineteenth-century practice of using "they," "them" and "their" as singular pronouns. He was on his own here, outnumbered by the other members. Famous users included Caxton, Lord Chesterfield and Shakespeare.

In its quest for information to help with the "re-think" the team consulted many large organisations outside the Civil Service with the help of the Institute of Personnel Management. They found that most of them kept centralised personnel rules and procedures and that efforts were made to keep the language in which this guidance is written simple and non-sexist.

The American suggestions did not appeal to the MPO team — the members could not see them fitting easily into the Civil Service culture and found it hard to discern when each could be used. They were not attracted either to the clumsy "he/she," "herself and himself" and "s/he."

In the end the criteria adopted by the team boiled down to these: Do not use he/she, sex-biased terms like "man-hour," "manpower." Don't use plural forms, second person rather than third person, the passive voice if all else fails and, where examples are an aid to clarity, alternate male and female.

The policy divisions (responsible for the basic material) urged to amend their contributions to the text of the Code and Guide, are finding conversion of existing material difficult — especially when it is enshrined in long standing agreements. Old habits are dying hard and sometimes reluctantly. On the bright side those people drafting new material find the use of the new criteria fairly easy.

Tony Phillips' team is quietly confident of eventual success but would welcome any (sensible and constructive!) advice.

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Meet Katherine the great bo-ah constrictor

Nancy Banks-Smith discovers the perfect chat-show guest, welcomes Mapp and Lucia and mourns Robin of Sherwood

DR Hepburn was a neurologist and evidently not a man who believed in letting his children get on his nerves. When his daughter's conversation at table irritated him "he hauled off and hit me for being a bore." Or, as she pronounced it being Katherine Hepburn, "a bo-ah."

It was a lesson she did not hesitate to pass on when necessary. . . . "Peter O'Toole? Yes, well, I hauled off and gave him the back of my hand. He should be hit quite often. It improved him. Peter admitted that."

This excellent early traininlg means that everything she says is worth listening to, and if she has nothing to say, she says nothing. If chat show guests were struck like gongs whenever they were bo-ahs, it would do wonders for the quality of life and the standard of TV. Until then, we must be grateful for Miss Hepburn. Her brilliance and her bones and the cheerful chance that she may at any moment haul off and hit Clive James made her vivid TV.

Clive James meets Katherine Hepburn (LWT) — surely that should be Katherine Hepburn consents to receive Clive James — was a forceful and fascinating interview. It was like a conversation with a crane or some exotic wading bird that may, if crossed, raise a crest of feathers on its head and give you a painful peck.

She lifted up her finger and she said, "Caw caw. No no. Come come." The dear, she says, can hear her voice. Howard Hughes, who was badly deaf, loved her. So, of course, did Spencer Tracey.

Half the charm of the Tracey-Hepburn partnership was that she looked persona jolly well grata at Crufts and he looked like the lop-eared winner of a long line of dog fights. Tracey was the dangerous ground ("I can see you are going to tread too far in just one minute, so you had better watch your step") on which James put a sacrilegious shoe. He persevered bravely and talking of Tracey the cawing voice softened for the first time. "What was it about his acting?" "Ain't you seen his acting? He was just it. He had an amazing direction in his funny old eyes. He found living difficult. He found acting easy. He could just do it."

And then she simply stopped talking altogether.

Hepburn on star quality: "You've got a good hot motor inside of you, and your eyes shine and your teeth shine. I don't know what the hell it is, that makes one into a freak that is fascinating. But I've got it."

Hepburn on privacy: "I would loved to have been a painter or a writer, anything I could have done alone."

"Selling my deteriorating self, that is very humiliating work." ("Do you really believe that? . . . " Clive James began) "I know Goddam well that's true, if you'll pardon my saying so, because when you cease to be delicious, you get dumped. When you sell yourself, that is difficult and that's why I would like to have had a more private profession."

Mapp and Lucia (Channel 4) is a delightful triumph. It is set as the lovely opening title suggests in an England that is sunlit, clear-cut, and well-washed. At that point in our island story when a Rolls was called a Royce, and the peace of the countryside was broken only by cries of "Sorry partner" from tennis courts, and the sound of local ladies colliding in full armour. Benson's book is "cordially dedicated to the Marquess of Carisbrooke" and I should jolly well hope so too.

There is something Elizabethan about these monstrous women. John Knox would have spoken sharply about them. It was altogether appropriate that Mapp and Lucia should begin with Lucia (Geraldine McEwan) playing the Virgin Queen in a pageant as if Philip of Spain had just been caught out in some appalling faux pas or solecism like eating paella with his knife. It will be impossible to read the book again without hearing the swoop of Geraldine McEwan's voice and the sound of eyelids being narrowed. She has, as great performers do, laid waste the part for those who follow.

Lucia has a little lamb, it hasn't any hair, but everywhere Lucia goes, the lamb is always there. As Georgie, Nigel Hawthorne's resemblance to a sheep in a toupé is downright disturbing.

When Michael Praed died silhouetted against a purple sky in Robin of Sherwood (HTV) my phone bill leapt convulsively as my daughter made long phone calls to her friends, most of the time being spent in them all sobbing inconsolably. Now Michael Praed has been translated to glory and eventually to Dynasty. Harlech TV intend to resurrect Robin in the shape of Jason Connery, Sean's lad. Possibly Robin will prove to have had extensive plastic surgery from some passing leech.

This quite violent and modern series — there is nothing very merrie about Robin's mob — has a strong dash of Celtic mysticism which should simplify Robin's reincarnation. The Sheriff of Nottingham took an understandably gloomy view. "It's not over. It will never be over."

John Arlott reviews Whistler glass engravings

Depths on the surface

FIFTY Years on Glass, exhibition of glass engravings by Laurence Whistler and his sons and daughter, Simon, Daniel and Frances, is remarkable in several ways. Compelling for students of glass engraving, for those who have never before seen a collection of work of this kind and quality it will be a revelation. In that half-century Laurence Whistler has created and led a revival of glass engraving from the mechanical skill it had become since the days of the 18th century Dutch masters to the level of art. He has, too, formulated entirely original techniques. This collection strikes the eye with the splendour of pictures released from glass — drawings not in black and white, but in light on darkness.

It is the splendid justification of a philosophy. Over 40 years ago — before Daniel and Frances were born — Laurence Whistler said to me: "I want any children of mine to spend their lives doing what they enjoy: after all, I have: apart from the war, my life has been spent writing, mainly poetry, and engraving glass, and that has left me completely happy. I want to see them happy in the same way."

Some of Whistler's earliest work is to be seen at this exhibition, but his recent work, much of it on bowls, is as fine as, or even finer than any he has ever done. 'Heavenly Country — Heavenly City' (1985) invests the bowl on which it is portrayed with a third dimension; The Apollo Landing creates a convincingly haunting, otherworldly landscape; The Music of Chalk is an expansive, composite portrayal of Wiltshire.

In A Constellation at Sunrise — first light reflected in the window panes of a house — he exploits his medium in masterly fashion. He is not simply a technician. If his pictures were drawn in pencil or painted, they would be accepted as artistic creations; expressed in the blend of lines, stipple and drill on glass, of which he is the ultimate master, they are all but unique.

He has proved ingenious in planning the lighting of his work on glass which fully reveals its splendour. His 12 glorious windows for Moreton parish church in Dorset — surely the only instance of all windows being engraved — was dedicated there on March 31. It will certainly become a place of artistic pilgrimage.

His sensitivity in his material is a rare gift: that his three children should have inherited — or acquired — a similarly sympathetic touch is at once remarkable and, for him, deeply rewarding. Simon, the eldest at 45, is not unlike his father in style, with the same bias towards architecture and landscape. In this exhibtion his Frostlake Cottage and Interior of a Lodge at Oporto (on a decanter) are outstanding.

Daniel (31) is freer — in a way stronger in method; and tends to work with drill as well as stipple on glass slabs, sometimes on both sides. Drowning Sleep and Sea Piece are characteristically powerful. Frances — born 1957 — has an instinctively certain touch on glass, and a wide range, shown by examples here of Wilcct Church and two most delicate butterflies, all on goblets.

The exhibition — of 79 pieces, many lent by the owners, including the Queen Mother — shows a historic range of Laurence's work and a creditable selection of his offspring's. It coincides with the publication, in a limited signed edition of 1200 copies, of Scenes And Signs On Glass (Cupid Press: £24) by Laurence Whistler.

Fifty Years On Glass: at the Iveagh Bequest, Kenwood, until April 25, and at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, from May 8 to June 30.

A gamble—but Frances Barber's Ophelia was a risk worth taking. John Ezard reports on the 'tragic heights' and stardom beckoning one of Stratford's hottest properties at the Barbican tomorrow

A girl from Wolverhampton

"Make an audience frightened, make them laugh, make them cry, make them love you."—Richard Finlater.

FRANCES BARBER can do all these things. She demonstrated as much in a single, astonishing spell with the RSC at Stratford last year. She was a betting shop manager's daughter from a Wolverhampton council estate after five years' Fringe work and tipped by Michael Billington as a prospect for 1984. But she had never been on a big stage, never acted a Shakespearean lead anywhere and never played an upper-class character.

Tomorrow night, when the RSC's Hamlet transfers to the Barbican, her Ophelia at 27 is critically ranked almost equal to Roger Rees's Hamlet. And there's also her Camille.

At Stratford's Other Place, in Pam Gems's feminist version of Dumas's Lady of the Camelias, she took on a variant of the favourite showpiece part of Eleanora Duse, Sarah Bernhardt and Garbo — and earned comparisons with all those predecessors, especially Duse. Nicholas de Jongh said she reached "tragic heights." The performance achieved such an extraordinarily sustained empathy with audiences that the adaption is being expanded for the West End, with feelers out for a Broadway transfer.

Ron Daniels, the director who gave her both chances, calls her a major star. She says: "It isn't supposed to happen to a girl from Wolverhampton."

At Stratford and London she's discovered what nerves can be. As she waits for the opening, she brims with quotes from Not a Turn Unstoned, Diana Rigg's anthology of critical brickbats for theatrical pratfalls — but she recites them with more glee than angst.

Even during technical rehearsals, dress rehearsals and previews, her foremost characteristic seems her tremendous natural animation, a superplus of vitality and heart. She dives through the stage door out of a Barbican rainstorm with a hooting belly-laugh which would have gladdened Joan Littlewood at Stratford East. Into a sodden morning brings a face which is, as was once said of Edith Evans, "like a city in illumination" and exactly the manner which Christopher Dean teasingly diagnosed in Jane Torvill at the height of their triumph — a touch of "our Nelly from the Delly who comes out to be a star in the end."

It was that same February when Frances Barber first walked into the Barbican to audition for the part of a maid in Camille and walked out with the lead.

She grew up on Wolverhampton's Castlecroft estate in a family with no theatrical interests. Her mother was a school cook. With five siblings, she had to "grow a very big mouth" to compete — the only pointer towards acting she can identify. She used to help her father mark the board in the betting shop and at Monmore Green dog track.

"I have an ambition to buy my father a racehorse. To see his own horse racing would mean more to him than to have seen me playing Ophelia. Well, perhaps not more — but as much."

She got a place at the Municipal Grammar School — "a heinous crime. kids used to throw stones at me when I came off the bus at night." There her confident mouth led to parts in school plays (Nancy in Oliver) and to poetry-reading prizes. Later at Bangor University, she tended to be cast as gutsy, rumbustious slags rather than "wimpy juvenile leads." Whenever they wanted anyone to have a really big row on stage, they sent for Frankie Barber. But acting as a career struck her as a middle-class preserve.

"I was always up against people to whom I felt inferior because they had had piano, ballet and riding lessons. I have always felt on my own. No-one was ever, ever going to leave me any money or look after me. It's given me an ambitious drive — not in a ruthless careerist way but to be able to pay the rent. I always knew I would have to make my own way."

She was resigned to becoming a teacher of English and drama. Then Joint Stock came to Bangor. For her it was like a circus coming to town; a small, committed company touring the left-wing plays she liked. "That was where my enthusiasm started."

She applied to Bristol Old Vic drama school, borrowed £40 to get to the audition and was rejected. She couldn't afford to try other drama schools, so she got a postgrad place at Cardiff. And there in 1979 the circus finally came and took her away. Mike Bradwell of Hull Truck gave her a successful audition and the next five years took her to Stratford East, the Tricycle, the Glasgow Citizens', the ICA, Oxford Playhouse and the Bush. She was there when, to her surprise, the RSC asked her to audition.

"Frankie?" says Ron Daniels. "She was a prime candidate for Camille the moment she walked in the door. She has the most wonderfully fearless emotional generosity to an audience and amazing acting intelligence."

Giving her Camille was a risk, though it was on the studio theatre scale that she was used to. Ophelia might seem like one of the "wet upper class wimps" she used to hate, a woman who definitely had the privilege of singing if not swimming lessons. It was certainly a big gamble.

Yet during a year of "working her socks off," as Daniels puts it, she found distinctive approaches to both parts. The key to Ophelia was to play her as a counterpart and counterpoint to Hamlet, as an innocent, fatally obedient girl who nonetheless matches his intellectual receptivity with her emotional openness — "a vessel of enormous possibility" in Frances Barber's words — whose sanity is destroyed because she senses before anyone else what could flow from the Prince's madness.

Her chief Gravedigger was the veteran Sebastian Shaw, aged 79, who played his first Romeo in 1926 and was a cinema matinee idol in the 1930s. He put his arms round her afterwards and said, "I have seen many Ophelias in my time but you are the only one who has made me cry."

The key to Camille was that she took self-destructively but optimistically into herself not only the suffering of her own life but the egotistical, possessive and barren pain of her rich lover Armand Duval. Her approach to both parts was mature, perilously ambitious and unusual in the tenderness of her imagination. In Camille, some love scenes and the death bed were as affecting as the Garbo performance she herself has never seen.

For the future, if things work out — and Ron Daniels among others is sure of her — she would like to play Hedda Gabler, Nina in Chekhov's Seagull and, which will not surprise those who saw her Camille, Cleopatra.

FEARLESS FRANKIE — Frances Barber. Picture by Frank Martin

Country matters

Alex Hamilton reviews a selection of paperbacks on the world about us

The Changing Countryside edited by John Blunden and Nigel Curry (1985, Croom Helm for the Open University in association with the Countryside Commission, £11.95). This is the main element in an OU short course, which is also accompanied by nine current TV programmes to be repeated six times until 1988. But it is in its own right a splendidly informative and invigorating book for anyone aware of the traumatic changes and conflicting interests at work in rural England and Wales today.

It introduces arguments and evidence from all sides of the battle for land use — farmers, landowners, indigenous rural dwellers and new in-migrants, recreationists, conservationists, the forestry and water industries, ecologists, agricultural support industries, new town planners — and considers the effects of each of their profit-and-loss accounts not only on the general British population but on our trading partners and the Third World.

This present crisis of change in the countryside is set in its historical perspective, and the book does leave the reader guardedly optimistic that, with so much imaginative awareness and hard researched knowledge around, the outcome may be less than disastrous. There are few condemned villains (though EEC policies seem to be at the root of an alarming number of problems), but rather an exploration of possible incentives and means of persuasion to change short-term, or personal, interests into long-term, or national, ones, and a realistic recognition that no one party can be a 100 per cent winner.

In such an academic study, it is refreshing that the witnesses called are by no means high-flown or inaccessible in their theses. Following the constant and despairing theme that the nation plainly can't afford to go on making millionaires of farmers who agree to do nothing, one critic points out that the same logic of compensating for notional loss would give money to anyone who agreed (as, by exising planning laws, they must) not to add a garage to their semi-detached — a landowner who keeps his hedges on his marshes may not be increasing his profits but he is equally clearly not losing income that he has never had.

Accompanying the course there is also a detailed and wide-ranging reference work for the seriously engaged student or professional, **The Countryside Handbook** (£5.95), intended as a comprehensive guide to the legislation, official bodies, private groups and significant documents that relate to the countryside.

From Michael Joseph's Mermaid Books come two luxurious treats for the amateur naturalist. **British Trees in Colour** by Cyril Hart, with illustrations by Charles Raymond (1973, £7.95), by its sheer size and magnificence would be useless as field guide, but is a very lovely reference work for the armchair. Covering 40 broad-leaved trees and 23 conifers, it gives a general guide to identification, and technically detailed individual descriptions, with life-size paintings that are softly beautiful as well as helpfully accurate for all seasons.

Heather Angel travelled 48,000kms in a year to take the many hundreds of colour photographs for her sumptuous **The Natural History of Britain and Ireland** (1981, Mermaid £8.95), a book of astonishing value. Each of six habitats is given a long and concentratedly informative assay, ending with a guide to its characteristic flora and faunas; Heather Angel herself on coastlines and islands, M. A. Ogilvie on freshwater wetlands, Eric Duffy on lowland grasslands and heaths, John Miles on uplands, Eric Sims on woodlands and hedgerows, and W. G. Teagle on towns and suburbs. A very special work, both to look at and to learn from.

For those who like to exert a certain control over nature comes the awesome **Dictionary of Roses in Colour** (1971, Mermaid £8.95), by S. Millar Gault, one-time Superintendent of Regent's Park in London and largely responsible for that "Mecca of rosarians", Queen Mary's Garden, and later Horticultural Consultant to The Royal National Rose Society — and for collaborator Patrick Synge, the editor for 24 years of The Royal Horticultural Society. A long introduction deals with the history and cultivation of roses, with advice on pruning, diseases and suitable plant companions for the rose-bed; strikingly fine colour photographs illustrate 500 different roses in their class groupings, followed by a dictionary defining and describing 800 roses alphabetically.

COVENT GARDEN

Edward Greenfield

Lucia di Lammermoor

IN A typically down-to-earth moment Joan Sutherland some years ago described to me the effect on the brain's oxygen supply of prolonged Coloratura: It makes you feel all woozy. It wasn't just Dame Joan who was "all woozy" at the end of the mad scene in this latest revival of Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor but the whole audience, who justifiably rose in standing ovation.

It is one of the miracles of vocal art that a singer who has never made any bones about her age (60 next year) can still sing with such freshness and for that matter act with the bird-like lightness of a girl. It was in February 1959 that her first Lucia under Tullio Serafin in the same Victorian mezzotint production by Franco Zeffirelli brought her international stardom overnight, but even a Sutherland devotee must gasp at the way age seems to leave her behind.

HIGH ON IT — Sutherland's Lucia at Covent Garden. Picture by Clive Barda.

A sticking curtain hardly helped her first scene by the fountain, but any clouding in the voice departed the moment she started the aria, Regnava nel silenzio, fresher and simpler than it once was with Richard Bonynge in the pit pressing a little faster. But the sweet precision of even the most casual trills not to mention the coloratura of the cabaletta still go with size and projection apt for a Wagner singer.

If in Act 1 an occasional beat in the voice at the top of the stave (more troublesome ten years ago than now) was allowed through in Act I, the mad scene was once again supreme, sustained and concentrated, with the long flute-accompanied cadenza this time providing a culmination. Ironically it was then the excessive interim applause which very slightly broke the concentration, and prevented the closing ensembles from having quite the same heady exhilaration.

In miracles of vocal art the tenor, Carlo Bergonzi, 60 last birthday, runs Dame Joan very close. Aptly he sang Edgardo opposite her with a firm, finely projected tone that revealed only the slightest wear under stress at the top. Sutherland's diction has much improved over the years, but Bergonzi's allows every word to be heard (much easier for a tenor) and in detail and intelligence every phrase reveals all the finesse of his classic recordings of the 1960s.

Gwynne Howell as the tutor, Raimondo, gave the outstanding performance otherwise, dark and baleful, while Arthur Davies brought tenor tone sunnily contrasted with Bergonzi's in the brief role of the victim, Arturo. John Rawnsley was admirably firm and clear as Enrico, but seemed too overawed to make much of the man's villainy.

Richard Bonynge was ever a most understanding accompanist of his soloists, but then hustled the chorus cruelly whenever he could. It may be fair enough in a small theatre, but much harder for everyone at Covent Garden. Zeffirelli's production ws well-staged by Jeremy Sutcliffe. Dame Joan now has elegant costumes designed by Michael Stennett for her Australian Opera performances.

ELIZABETH HALL

Meirion Bowen

Australian premieres

THE FIRST of Lontano's two enterprising and highly stimulating programmes entitled Pacific Connections exemplified with the melting-pot situation in current contemporary music. Here, five Australian composers beckoned towards the Far East, medieval and present-day Europe and Chile, while a single Englishman, Anthony Payne, encapsulated many traits in Australian and West Coast American music. The connections were actually there, in short, and not a slightly bogus programme.

The most abstract work — your would have thought it came from IRCAM — was David Worrall's Hesse-inspired Glass Games. But it was not in the least self-conscious or contrived. In its tripartite scheme, the basic six chord structures heard at the beginning and end lead one to expect a hieratic, almost frigidly detached formal interplay. Yet the central refractory section was delightfully improvisatory, ranging across textures and timbres with kaleidoscopic freedom. The taped sounds here interacted and blended in with the live instrumental parts effortlessly.

In Barry Conyngham's Voicings, for computer-generated tape and instrumental quartet, the music flowed even more organically. It was like a madrigal comedy, with four sharply defined personalities interlinked, sharing their views of different situations, sometimes clashing but always quick to resolve their tensions. Not for nothing did the piece take its starting-point from the overlap between vocal and instrumental expressiveness.

Both Anthony Payne's A Day in the Life of a Mayfly and Anne Boyd's The Metamorphosis of the Solitary Female Phoenix dealt with processes of growth and transformation. Payne was stronger on sheer logic and aptly placed contrast; Boyd deployed oriental colourings shamelessly but tellingly, taking the listener through a mythological trip, just as Payne conjured an engaging nature tone-poem. Odaline de la Martinez directed these pieces with particular firmness.

At the further extremes were Peter Sculthorpe's solo cello piece Requiem (played with great concentration by Margaret Powell) and Vincent Plush's On Shooting Stars. In the six movements of the former, cool plainsong melody alternated and became integrated (marginally) with more passionate ideas in the composer's own idiom. Lacking a larger context, its impact was elusive. On the other hand, Plush achieved an immediately compelling commemoration for the Chilean musician and poet Victor Jara (who was tortured and killed after the overthrow of the Allende regime), transcribing and building mobiles around three of Jara's own compositions. Latin-American rhythms and percussion were often in the foreground, but Plush's development of the thematic content was independent and not in any sense obvious. The emergence of Jara's own voice within the texture near the end (where cassette recorders were brought into play) capped a sincere and affecting work.

CARDIFF

David Adams

Family Entertainment

FOURPLAY Theatre have a heavy responsibility: they are the only comedy cabaret group in Wales since the demise of Baby Grand and Fresh Claim and a lot of people have been pinning their hopes on this young group of often rather humourless performers.

Family Entertainment, alas, is a show that reveals little sign of the promise seen in their first production, Live Sex On Stage, or the slightly manic but originally black comedy of their follow-up. They miss their predictable target, the internecine nuclear bourgeois family of allegedly Victorian invention, mainly because it is attacked from the inside. The four co-authors and performers possibly speak from experience but their criticism suffers because it seems so personalised.

The format of the show, which opened at Chapter Arts last week and goes on to an extensive tour, is of a hyped up tv contest designed to find the perfect 1985 British family — and with all those Thatcherite associations of so-called family values, self-help and private enterprise you'd think there was plenty of scope for satire and pointed social comment. Instead, Fourplay plump for the internal conflicts and stereotyping that simply aren't terrible funny.

Martin Jacobs, one of the original founders is back to direct and provide the music and there are some sequences that are slick and clever. But overall there isn't enough self-criticism in performance or material.

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What value have sanctions against apartheid?

The South African government's violent attempts to extinguish the black unrest of the past eight months, undeterred by foreign protest over the police massacre at Langa, have revived international interest in sanctions against the apartheid state. Arguments for and against are already being deployed as they were after Sharpeville in 1960 and Soweto in 1976. There are two new factors this time. There has been a qualitative change in the nature of internal protest, which is now continuous yet sporadic and unpredictable with distinctly broader grassroot support than before. The principal targets include the black surrogates of white domination—officials whose loyalty to the regime is deemed secondary by it to the colour of their skin, which obliges them to live in the seething townships. The authorities have responded with an escalation of their own by using the mostly white, largely conscript army to back the police. The other new factor is the readiness of influential Americans of the right as well as US liberals to mobilise the world's most powerful economy against apartheid.

The case against sanctions is strong. They got a bad name in the 1930's when they were ineffectually employed against Italy over its intervention in Ethiopia, and evoked renewed ribaldry when used against the UDI regime in Rhodesia (the British Beira patrol solemnly guarded the door of a building with no walls). *Sanctions, it is said on the basis of a mass of* incontrovertible evidence, do not work. The incentive to make large profits from evading them is at least as strong as the motive of those enforcing them. They are a *blunt instrument* which can damage the good guys as much as the bad (consider the sufferings of Zambia and Mozambique over Rhodesia). The besieged economy may actually be strengthened by determined import-substitution (see Rhodesia again). Those imposing the sanctions may suffer. Specifically, South Africa accounts for 7 per cent of British investment and 2 per cent of British exports, and 150,000 British jobs could be affected, according to Whitehall. Sanctions are very difficult to enforce. They can hurt those they are meant to help.

But there is no denying that some selective sanctions work, even if their effect is by definition limited. The sports boycott of South Africa has produced visible change. The UN arms embargo may have made the South Africans self-sufficient in all manner of weaponry, but has starved them of aircraft, helicopters, warships and other major items. The partial oil embargo may have been evaded by all sorts of ruses and countered by massive stockpiling but it has cost a lot of money and distorted the economy. And the psychological damage to white confidence caused by sanctions may be unquantifiable but is palpable.

It is jesuitical to set the overthrow of apartheid, no less, as the goal of sanctions and then to say they are pointless because this cannot be done. Apartheid cannot be demolished without decisive internal pressure, to which all external effort can only be secondary. The real issue is not whether sanctions work, but whether we are right, or even acting in our own best interest, in doing business with apartheid. International action put an end to slavery, surely a harder nut to crack, and there is no denying that it can help to eliminate its South African offspring. As with slavery in the early days of the abolition campaign, the first question is not what others may or may not *do, but what we are going to do ourselves against* apartheid.

Mr Shultz prepares to wind down dollar

Growing signs of a slowdown in US economic growth could inject a much needed note of urgency into next month's annual economic summit in Bonn. The economic complacency of the United States Administration — which sees the strong dollar as something of a national virility symbol — was shattered at the end of last week when Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State warned that the high value of the dollar could damage the American economy and be "devastating" to the world's financial system if it led to a new era of protectionism.

Mr Shultz, a former professor of economics, told a Princeton audience that the dollar was still 80 per cent above its 1980 level despite recent falls. He claimed that if the Administration gave in to the clamouring pressures for protectionism it would have a devastating effect on the rest of the world. Instead he proposes a three-pronged plan to be considered by the heads of state of the seven leading industrial nations in Bonn under which the US would take greater strides to reduce its *budget deficit* while Europe and Japan take simultaneous steps to open up their economies and stimulate capital investment.

Although Mr Shultz's remarks are still a trifle hectoring (he really wants the rest of the world to adopt American supply side policies) they do at least start from the proposition that what is now happening in the US — the huge budget and current account *deficits accompanied by a ludicrously overvalued cur*rency — is a recipe for disaster.

This is a refreshing contrast to his own President who barely five weeks ago proclaimed that a rising dollar was a welcome virility symbol and that it was the rest of the world that was out of step. That may now be changing with the dawning realisation that the US economy will not be able to take advantage of the recent surge in capital investment unless the dollar falls sharply to a level at which American companies can compete at home and abroad without running for protectionist cover.

Since a large chunk of the recovery enjoyed by the rest of the world (modest though it has been outside Japan) is a result of America's ravenous appetite for imports Mr Shultz is quite right to suggest that other countries should now take over more of the "locomotive" role in recovery. The alternative is that we all sink into an even bigger recession together.

The trouble with the Shultz solution is that supply side solutions (like liberalising the Japanese capital market and reducing conditions in Europe which stifle investment) need a long time to take effect.

A "soft landing" for the US economy also requires other *stronger economies* — like Japan, West Germany and the UK — to loosen their tight fiscal policies to offset the effects of a contraction of the budget deficit in the US. This is what "convergence *of economic policies" oft preached at economic sum*mits ought to be about.

There are other extremely important items on the Bonn agenda including the food crisis in sub-Saharan Africa and the next round of international trade negotiations. But the single biggest contribution which the heads of state could give is to prolong the world recovery in circumstances which allow the US time to unwind itself from a situation it should never have got into in the first place. This means that Congress must address itself to uncomfortable decisions like reducing defence spending (up 40 per cent in real terms in barely three years) and cutting into endemic tax privileges for individuals and corporations. Convergence, like charity, must begin at home.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When Government provides no room at the inn

Sir, — The Government's new board and lodgings regulations, referred to in David Hencke's article Newton's Law Sends Homeless Into the Unknown (April 10) are the first major change to the supplementary benefit system since the Government announced its series of reviews. As a foretaste of what is to come they set a frightening precedent.

The Minister for Social Security has made it clear that there will be parts of the country where claimants will not be able to afford to live, even if they were born and raised there. In effect, the Government has introduced a policy which says homelessness is acceptable if it saves the Exchequer money.

The regulations are the first to remove the entitlement to a basic level of benefit from a significant number of people. Most young people under 26 will only be able to claim board and lodging payments for a limited period in any one area, while many older claimants will find their benefit cut — in some cases, substantially.

For most people, the change will be phased in after one, two or three months — but from the end of May, tens of thousands of people will lose their present accommodation as a result of these changes. Some will find temporary refuge on a friend's sofa or floor, some will be forced into the overcrowded and insanitary squalor of cheaper lodging houses, some will sleep rough. All will suffer.

Those affected have, in the majority of cases, no home to go to. They are people whom parents or relatives, local authorities or private landlords could or would not house. Bed and breakfast have become their last refuge.

This is a trend of which Shelter has been increasingly aware and increasingly critical. But the reason for the increasing numbers has been clear. The growth in board and lodgings has been the price paid for major cuts in housing expenditure at a time of high unemployment.

This year public sector investment in housing will be 40 per cent lower in real terms than 1979/80. The number of houses built for rent by local authorities and housing associations has been running at less than 50,000 in each of the last three years — compared to an estimated need of at least 120,000 homes a year.

As the government appointed Social Security Advisory Committee said, in its

report on the changes, "the root problem is a housing one, not a benefit one." The Government is paying through the benefit system for the housing shortage it has created.

There are alternatives. Increased investment in housing would in the long term reduce the dependence of both central and local government on board and lodging for housing the homeless. In the short term, the inspection and regulation of the conditions and changes in board and lodging establishments would go a long way towards getting better value for money.

Many people in the housing field regard bed and breakfast as the worst kind of accommodation we can possibly provide in a civilised society. They cannot bear to contemplate what's next — shanty towns on Wimbledon Common. — Yours sincerely,

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Sir, — Your story (April 10) about the Government's new board and lodging restrictions for young people understates the disaster which is about to overtake both claimants, and housing authorities which are supposed to administer the new regulations.

In Oxford there is already a housing crisis, with very long waiting lists, a declining council housing stock and little building land remaining within the city. At present, there are over 500 single people under the age of 26 in board and lodging accommodation, and over 70 families. Under the Government's new rules a large number of these people will be homeless at the end of May unless the city council picks up the bill for the difference between the maximum reduced benefit and the actual cost of accommodation. The cost to the council will be £25-£30 per adult per week. In a full year this might come to little short of £500,000.

Presumably the Government does not intend us to pay this money. It has stated "A discretionary system of setting limits in individual cases would rapidly become a means of circumventing the Government's expenditure controls." And there is the Government's real motive exposed — *an attempt* to clear young people out of board and lodging accommodation not by helping local housing programmes, but by *another* attack on the social security system.

Many young people are in lodgings because of Government restrictions on local authority housing programmes — so how the Government can conveniently identify them as scroungers ("Costa del Dole" according to the eloquent Mr Tony Newton, MP) and use financial arguments to hound them out of what accommodation they do have.

Several hundred people risk being thrown out to the streets in the next few months in Oxford through no fault of their own. Once out, they would stand no chance of gaining new accommodation against the claims of the tourist trade, language schools, secretarial colleges and a host of other affluent organisations.

The Government may be pleased with itself at a manoeuvre which so neatly hurts two of its prime targets; first, people who are state dependent, and secondly, local government. In Oxford it has caused fear amongst young people, and contempt and disgust amongst those of us struggling to maintain our housing programmes under renewed Government attack. — Yours faithfully,

Michael Hart
Liberal member,
Oxford City Council,
Town Hall,
Oxford.

Game plan for football peace

Sir, — A week is said to be a long time in politics. It is also a long time in football. This last week has been *the most important period in* the life of Luton Town Football Club.

On Sunday April 7 following discussions between the Government and the football authorities, the press published details of the Government's visions of the football stadium of the future, designed " . . . to eliminate hooliganism and make the game safe for a family audience." The press went on to suggest that the football authorities thought it would not work—we did not agree.

Then on Tuesday, April 9, the Football Association ordered Luton Town to erect fencing around its ground at Kenilworth Road in addition, that is, to the steel barriers already built between the visitors' terrace and the pitch. After 14 trouble free years, the genuine regular supporters find themselves about to be fenced in because of the mindless action of hooligans from elsewhere hellbent on destruction.

Finally, on Saturday, April 13, Luton Town played Everton for a place at Wembley and Europe — what a prospect that was for a small club like ourselves.

It is ironic that it was the deplorable scenes at Luton Town that prompted the Prime Minister to intervene personally, and it is the selfsame Luton Town that has been pioneering the way towards the super stadium now being put forward by the Government as the solu*tion to the problem.*

Because of the threat of a new relief road, Luton Town has been faced, these past five years, with the need to move from Kenilworth Road where it has played league football for one hundred years. Luton commissioned an independent study of design plans for the stadium of the future, and the international firm of Coopers and Lybrand concluded that the concept was a sound one.

That concept included all of the key elements described by the Government, and would indeed go a long way to reducing, if not eliminating, the opportunity which football presently offers to those seeking to do violence for its own sake.

The consents necessary to go forward with such a new stadium were obtained from the football authorities and Luton Town was proud to be the first League club to obtain sanction to move under the League's new regulations.

Then the wheels came off, and simply because first Luton Council and then Milton Keynes Development Corporation, having each expressed a considerable degree of interest and support, were unable or unwilling, or *both, to invest a degree of* financial and other support without which the new venture such as this would have no chance of success. Now Milton Keynes appears to have backed a remarkably similar scheme to our own — but with financial backing from the US.

Luton Council may have missed the opportunity, although it is still not too late. Milton Keynes appears to have the vision, but only with American aid — but where is our Government in all this?

Luton Town has no wish to be remembered as the first league club to fence in its own supporters — that is not the answer — but rather as the first league club to *play in a stadium designed* with the whole family in mind. The Prime Minister is right in her vision of the future, but she and the authorities will need to give their support if we are to make it come true. — Yours

John Smith
Executive Director,
Luton Town Football Club,
Kenilworth Road,
Luton.

Staying power

Sir, — I question John Lawson's unexplained assumption (Letters, April 10) that one immediate consequence of the introduction of proportional representation would be a separation of Social Democrats from Liberals.

Maybe one or two constituencies with overwhelming SDP or Liberal superiority in terms of grass-roots activity would be tempted to go it alone. But the hard facts of political campaigning suggest a permanent partnership.

*In many regions the Alli*ance partners recently worked as one unit in order to produce County Council manifestos.

Add to this the fact that the parties are establishing a joint policy committee which will soon co-ordinate general election policy for 1987 or 1988—and it becomes clear that the two parties would find it impossible to divide at the very moment when one of their most fundamental objectives had been achieved.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Trembath,
Chairman, South Nottinghamshire SDP,
Redhill, Nottingham.

Base comment

Sir, — I don't know about Mr Fitzgerald's 1944 edition of Illegitimus Nil Carborundum (April 12), but in that same year the pilots at Shellingford RAF aerodrome were a little unpopular with their ground crews for an heraldic device of a pranged Tiger Moth with the motto "Webendem, Umendem." But my favourite was the inscription on the nose of his Lancaster, shown to me by a fellow pilot from Australia, in 1945: "Semper in Excretism." Which today, just about sums up Britain under Mrs Thatcher. —

L. Clarke,
Uxbridge, Middlesex.

An inquiry that could solve teachers' problems

Sir, — One thing clearly apparent in the letters of most of your correspondents about the present situation in the nation's secondary schools is that many teachers have too much to do and too little time in which to do it (Education Guardian, April 9). For this reason I find it hard to understand the opposition of the teachers' unions to the introduction of more detailed contracts for teachers.

I agree that the contracts would have to be fair to teachers and I believe that an essential preliminary is an examination of what actually goes on within schools of the present day, rather than what people think goes on.

I believe that this inquiry should be carried out by a team of management consultants or a body of a similar nature which has no connec*tion with teaching or educa*tion but which understands about management and organisation. I make this provision since it seems to me that too many of those who are involved with education have too many pre-conceived ideas and prejudices to assess the situation objectively; *vide* Baroness Warnock's Dimbleby lecture.

Once an inquiry has been conducted and a report published then unions, management, and HM Inspectorate can *begin to construct* contracts which would be honest and unequivocal. We would then, I hope, rid ourselves of the kind of situation common *in many secondary* schools where some teachers work 60 and 70 hours a week and others in the same school never take work home; where members of staff are given substantial extra areas of work and/or responsibility and expect to cope with the extra load in their own time; where tasks are delegated downwards to those who have neither the time nor the facilities to do them properly. Any experienced teacher can write his own scenario to illustrate what I mean.

Something is badly wrong *in a profession* where most people over 40 want to get out of it as soon as possible. I suggest the solution lies in an independent inquiry of the type which I have described. — Yours faithfully,

W.R. Bell,
4 Howard Avenue,
Wantage, Oxon.

Why BBC ratings don't count

Sir, — I read with mounting anger about the BBC's plans to terminate the contracts of six or seven experienced current affairs reporters, when, *not so long ago, it raised the* salary of one of its female Breakfast Time presenters, whose special qualification is her good looks, to an astronomical level *normally* only achieved by pop stars.

The Beeb seems to have got its priorities in a twist. If its excellent current affairs programmes are sacrificed on the battlefield of the ratings war, it will be the first step towards catering only for "popular demand" the lowest common denominator of opinion. Surely, the whole reason for the BBC's existance is that it should be able to cater for minority tastes. Ratings are irrelevant to public service broadcasting. To equate quality of programme with quantity of viewers is ridiculous.—Yours sincerely,

Renate Harvey,
Downderry,
Torpoint, Cornwall.

A COUNTRY DIARY

LAKE DISTRICT: It's not often, nowadays, when better days can be seized at any time, that I take to the hills in thick mist and rain but it seemed very feeble to slink back from Wasdale just because of bad weather. Besides, there's always the chance, even on the worst days, of one of those great moments in the fells when the clouds are suddenly torn aside and the sunlit dale, far below, leaps up at you in a flash. Navigation along the top of the Wastwater Screes in the swirling cloud and relentless drizzle merely involved keeping to the crumbling edge above the gullies and shattered crags, and what, in fine weather, is an airy tramp above yawning depths with dramatic views, could only be pleasurably remembered, but, halfway down the curious crater of Greathall Gill, with its crumbling rock pinnacles, the rain suddenly stopped and, as I drew closer to the toe of Wastwater, the cloud slowly thinned and the valley started to reveal itself like a photograph in a developing tank. First, the lake, as the clouds floated away towards the far shore, and, then, gradually, the background of fells — Buckbarrow, Middle Fell and Yewbarrow — each one quickly taking shape and colour as, remarkably, the *sun came out*. And the miracle was not yet over for, minutes later, on this still, windless day, as the last ripples faded across the lake, Wastwater, often *so black* and stormy, became a perfect mirror with the far crags and sunlit fellsides beautifully revealed, upside down, and the now-bright blue sky reached across, in the picture, to the foot of the screes and the lake shore path winding, interestingly, across the boulders.

A. HARRY GRIFFIN

The two faces that Britain shows to the world

Hugo Young

THEY ARE an odd couple. In The Kremlin, the analysts' direction-finders must be lurching off the screen. While Mrs Thatcher does seven countries in nine days out East, Sir Geoffrey Howe does three inside a week behind the Curtain. To any foreign observer whose job is to divine from the behaviour of national leaders a common thread, an agreed system of signals about the national purpose, these simultaneous *tours by the British prime* minister and foreign secretary have been impossibly bewildering.

The Prime Minister's is *one method. It is to go* abroad and think aloud about Britain. Thinking aloud abroad, she relinquishes the few retraints she *observes when she talks* aloud at home. The miners, we now learn, have been "seen off," and Mrs T speaks of herself as the mother of her people who, like children, need discipline. The speech-writers at home would not encourage her to say these things. They bespeak a patronising contempt for her own citizens which will have startled more than it impressed her Asian listeners. But they came right from the heart.

This display of nationalistic self-regard, a danger with Mrs Thatcher wherever she is, was rendered more emphatic last week by two factors. One was that some of the countries through which she passed are models of the kind of Britain she would like to see. Nothing could have been more flattering to Lee Kuan Yew than to explain to him — and hear him graciously agree — that Britain was every day and in every way becoming as dynamic, boldly led and union-free as Singapore.

The second peril of the tour was that it had no real purpose. There was no business requiring the attention of a head of government. So Mrs Thatcher fell back on salesmanship; and for this task it doesn't seem to matter much to her which slant-eyed audience is being given the pitch — although it helps if you get their names right. Such are the pitfalls of a style of diplomacy whose only outward-looking motive is the collection of evidence for the support of a domestic political argument.

Sir Geoffrey, meanwhile, pursues a different object. This is when anyone brought up in a monolithic political system, looking at the performance by reference to his own rule-book, will have become quite confused. For Sir Geoffrey's *only interest* appears to be in the countries he is visiting.

At first sight, it might look as though his visits to East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland did have one thing in common with the Asian junketing: a certain pointlessness. But this would be mistaken. The tour completed a series of meetings in all the Warsaw Pact countries, and passes one milestone along the road, marked out in 1983, towards more positive relations with with eastern Europe.

To this end, separating these countries one from another and establishing contact with their leadership are precisely relevant. In his methodical way, Sir Geoffrey has done this. Nor has he confined himself to the ruling cliques. In Prague his people met the Charter 77 group. In Warsaw, he consorted with Solidarity. He, too, brought a message from home, but it wasn't one about victory over a divided populace. It was an uncoded statement of the importance Britain attaches to human rights.

The apotheosis of Howe was reached in Potsdam. He was invited to try out the chair which Churchill occupied at the historic Potsdam conference. He declined to sit, however briefly, above his station. It is hard to imagine everyone thus spurning a Churchillian oportunity. But alas, by some oversight, Winston never made it to Singapore.

ODDLY MATCHED though this couple are, their relationship has been tightly intertwined. Geoffrey and Margaret have *helped each other* up to the top. It has not, of course, been an equal partnership. But it has been less unequal than it appears, and now *actually looks* rather less one-sided than before, as Mrs Thatcher seems to have crested her peak while Sir Geoffrey still, miraculously, inches upwards.

What they first shared was a conversion. In the Heath government, they were unflinching operators of the corporate state, none more crucial than Howe who ran the prices policy. Although he claims always to have *been an economic liberal at* heart, there's no doubt that their common recantation produced for the eight years of his chancellorship, shadow and real, a mutual commit*ment of extraordinary* durability.

It survived some terrible strains. Margaret often treated Geoffrey like a *punchbag. Many years after* they got together, she still subjected him to pummellings even more ferocious than those reserved for Pat*rick Jenkin. But the process* seemed to strengthen him. It thickened his skin and stiffened his sinews against the crushing pressures from the *real world. Fifty rounds in* the ring at No 10 were the best possible training for the unending struggles with the City, the Commons, half the Cabinet, much of the Tory party and all of the public sector borrowing requirement.

Sheer survival, plus the *myriad details of policy he* played a part in shaping, ranked Sir Geoffrey as a remarkable Chancellor. He persuaded himself, without wavering, that the policy was right. He saw it through. It must be doubted whether any other member of the Cabinet could have done the job for the Prime Minister that Howe did in the dark days of 1981.

At that time, moreover, they spoke the same language. He did not shout, and she did not murmur, but their words did not differ. These constituted the gospel of a common faith, in which the principal worldly element was tenacity. They went through the fire and came out the other side still clutching their rosary beads. Their sufferings were not unlike the martyrs', except that they got out alive.

This experience has given them a *certain mutual ad*miration and for the best of reasons. They respect each other's guts. Politics, however, has its solitary side. There is a point at which it is every man for *himself*. Since becoming Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey seems gradually — he never does anything in any other way — *to have been approaching* that point.

Close observers always thought, in fact, that the qualities of the ambitious *loner never totally deserted* him. They reckoned always to notice a residue of steely *froideur* alongside the intimacy which he and his *prime minister were for so* many years consigned to share. All that is happening now, perhaps, is that this element in every top politician is at last coming into public flower.

For, now that they are in diplomacy and not economics, the language is no longer common. Their views of foreign policy are plainly different. The prime minister continues to treat abroad as a theatre for demonstrating the British revival and acting out the British national interest, very narrowly defined. Sir Geoffrey applies his eye for detail and his methodical dedication to the mechanics of complex reality to finding out how the international system works, and inserting Britain's modest hand to oil the machinery.

Whether in the case of Star Wars or the European Community, Sir Geoffrey's days as solicitor to the messiah are definitely over.

THE INTERESTING question is which of these approaches now speaks more *accurately* for the British mood. For several years, as the reality of politics attested, abrasion and attack appealed successfully to the national *capacity* for masochism and the perceived need for self-correction — although it would never have been wise to launch such attacks from foreign territory.

Are we now beginning to experience a change of mood? Have we finally had enough of the aggression therapy? Does the decline in *Mrs Thatcher's* personal standing in the opinion polls presage an unstoppable tide of resentment against her and a desire to return to the *more emollient politics* of old?

I can throw only two shafts of light on these, three questions which are likely to *remain suspended over the* political scene for the next three years. One is that during the Asian tour I have, for the first time, heard some of Mrs Thatcher's most devoted friends in the Conservative party criticise her performance.

They thought it showed a reckless want of judgment to attack British workers from thousands of miles away, and to exhibit a triumphalism which had more to do with herself than with her country. As a monument of insensitivity, the tour evoked hideous memories of Mr Callaghan's famous return from the Guadeloupe summit in 1978, apparently unable to comprehend that he was in the middle of a winter of discontent.

The other illuminating fact is that Sir Geoffrey is not looking back. The master of Chevening remains at the service of the public life. Without a trace of sentiment, he enjoys it. It never for a moment seems to get him down. He thinks he has plenty more to give. If there is a new mood, which favours emollience and fudge and small successes dramatically achieved, he is somehow as deftly placed to ride it as he was the years of thunder and attack.

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Nigel Walmsley, managing director of Capital Radio, challenges the BBC and the Peacock inquiry to go all the way

What radio needs is advertising on every channel

Nigel Walmsley — what kind of structure for radio?

WHEN Professor Peacock turns to the question of advertising on BBC radio, one of the first things he will need to do is count the number of mouths in need of feeding — four BBC national channels, about 30 BBC and 48 Independent local stations, not to mention other bits and pieces.

Additionally, last year, the *Government announced the* prospect of an independent, i.e. commercial, national radio channel in a few years' time. Nor should we forget the Home Secretary's newly revealed interest in community radio: where such low-powered neighbourhood or special interest stations have started up elsewhere in the world, they have found life a struggle without at least some advertising support.

Last year BBC radio cost some £220 million to run, Independent Local Radio about £70 million, and, at a guess, a future independent national channel might cost upwards of £20 million: in total something over £300 million. By comparison, advertisers currently spend around £80 million p.a. *on radio.* Obviously, unless there is to be a huge increase in the size of the cake, advertising on BBC radio will do little to help the BBC's finances but could wreak havoc on independent radio.

Given these figures there can only be two serious options: either leave things much as they are or go for a plan which could dramatically increase the *total* volume of advertising on radio. The worst outcome would be a half-baked compromise in which, out of a misguided attempt to protect the financial viability of ILR on the one hand, and the virginity of the BBC on the other, BBC radio becomes just a little bit pregnant, with the sordid traffic in advertising allowed on the airwaves of Radio 1 and the BBC's local stations, while Radios 2, 3 and 4 remain unsullied.

This is most unlikely to work because it will not do enough to increase the amount of money advertisers would be prepared to spend *on the medium. At present,* advertisers can reach more than 45 per cent of the population each week via the Independent radio stations. If they were allowed to advertise on BBC local radio this would only rise to 50 per cent, and to around 65 per cent if Radio 1 was also included.

Such is the audience overlap between these services *that effective coverage of the* population — the key to more advertising — would not increase enough to meet the costs of all the radio services to be financed in this way, even allowing for more efficiency and the other pious hopes which are usually thrown into planning documents to balance figures which otherwise don't add up.

All the radio stations dependent on advertising would be the poorer — and listeners would suffer because poverty would affect quality — and there *would be little or no* cash to finance new services to increase choice.

So let's have no "little bit pregnant" recommendations from the Peacock review. How much more interesting it would be to look at ways of injecting new money into radio. It is an enormously powerful and entertaining medium. Almost 90 per cent *of the population listens* every week for an average of 10 hours.

The total daily listening to *ILR is greater than the circu*lation of the most popular Fleet Street tabloid, more people listen to Radio 4 each day than buy copies of all the quality dailies put together, and Radio 3's two-and-a-half million listeners a week represent a substantial, affluent, well-defined audience, of interest to many advertisers.

Suppose full-scale advertising were allowed right across *BBC radio?* Overnight the BBC and Independent Radio together would be offering advertisers almost total coverage of the population, with optimum coverage of all the major demographic groups. This would open new vistas to advertisers and could lead to a *quantum jump* in their expenditure on radio.

One drawback would be the BBC's resultant dominant position in radio advertising, reflecting its 5-1 advantage over the independent sector in terms of channels: to even things up a bit, perhaps it might be required to sell off one of its services to independent operators. Its local stations might be obvious candidates.

Alternatively, if all that is too strong meat, suppose that Independent Radio were to be built up to offer a much wider choice of listening. We could move towards a structure in which an independent national channel challenged Radio 4, in which existing ILR stations broadcast *separate programming* on their AM and FM frequencies to offer more choice of music formats — Top 40, middle-of-the-road, adult-orientated rock — and in which community stations linked by a sustaining service addressed specialist music and *ethnic interests. Such* a structure might equally well offer advertisers the wider coverage and targetting which would justify increased expenditure.

Radio is fundamentally a medium of formats in which listeners select a particular station according to their needs — speech, news, different kinds of music — and this is where the interests of advertisers and listeners can come together.

Advertisers want maximum coverage and the ability to target their messages to defined groups of people: listeners want choice. Both could be well served by a structure for radio which, while making proper provision for competition, also ensures diversity.

This is something which the Chairman of the BBC, Stuart Young, seems determined not to recognise. He argues, reasonably enough, *that if the* BBC is to be required to take advertising, there will be no half measures. He will go all the way — or so he says: but it appears that he makes this point not in order to argue the economic logic of the case but to threaten the ultimate horror of pan-BBC advertising, in which quality and diversity would be sacrificed on the altar of the commercial *dollar.*

But, in the case of radio, regulatory structures in countries such as Canada have demonstrated the possibility of peaceful co-existence between advertising on the one hand and the demands of quality, choice and minority *interests on the other.*

Could advertising provide adequate financial resources for this here in the UK? Here, radio accounts for around 2.5 per cent of all advertising expenditure. In North America, where radio offers advertisers almost total coverage, it accounts for between 8-10 per cent. If we could achieve the same percentage *here,* advertisers would be spending over £300 million a year on radio — roughly the total annual cost of ILR plus BBC radio, with, who knows, perhaps a bit to spare for development.

All of this suggests that the real question for Professor Peacock is not the role of advertising in the BBC, but the role in the future structure of radio as a whole — and what kind of structure for radio overall do we want?

Independent radio companies are not alone in call*ing on the Home Secretary to* carry out a review of this much wider issue. The Institute of Practitioners in Advertising has made similar representations, for much the same reason.

For it is a question of structure. Individual develop*ments in radio cannot* be looked at in isolation. It would be all too easy to take a wrong turning on community radio, split frequencies, *independent national* radio, or advertising on the BBC. Radio in Britain could be on the brink of an exciting new period of development and expansion. Piecemeal decision-making could stunt its growth.

The pitch, the snatch the look — that's Adbiz

David Bernstein reviews a new backstage guide to a world where the selling seems to come way ahead of the product

IN 1955, within a few weeks of the start of commercial televi*sion, the chairman of a lead*ing London advertising agency recommended boycotting the infant medium. The reason? It would make advertising too visible.

Thirty years later I think I know what he meant. He wasn't afraid of publicising his clients' brands. That was his job: TV would help him do it powerfully. No, he was *worried with what publicity* would do to *advertising.*

Today there's no biz like Adbiz. It gets the full treatment *in Torin Douglas's* "The Complete Guide To Advertising," a richly illustrated hybrid. Laid out like a partwork, with the pretensions of a text book, and the accessibility of a coffee-table book, the work itself accurately reflects the world it chronicles: glamorous, upmarket, good to look at, assured, full of western promise and . . . an overclaim in the title.

"Public awareness of advertising has developed substantially," says the publisher's blurb. "As a result the industry has taken on a new importance in the economic life of the country." Why should public *awareness* make advertising economically more important?

In the land of Adbiz awareness seemingly is all. And if Macmillan don't recognise a non-sequitur when they write one, Adbiz is hardly any more rigorous, *for example in* separating means from ends.

When advertising's foremost copywriter features himself in a car ad and his wife in an ad for a supermarket, can we wonder if lesser luminaries are attracted by the star status *it bestows upon* its practitioners?

But backstage here is Torin Douglas to guide us. The pace is bewildering. *In his eager*ness to enter the star dressing rooms (Saatchi, Heineken, Martini, The Sun etc.), he *rushes when* an occasional pause might refresh. He considers media costs in two brisk paragraphs. Classified and recruitment and industrial advertising occupy one illustrated page each. Regional press makes no appearance. He confines magazines *to one and a half* pages of O-level prose.

"As an advertising medium, magazines have many of the advantages of newspapers but there remain a great many differences in the two forms of media. Their *main* drawback is like newspapers they lack sound and movement." a point he repeats some paragraphs later and once he, as a magazine journalist, might have been expected to debate.

But Douglas's priorities are elsewhere. "The creative department," he says, "is arguably the most important *place in an agency* since it is strong creative work that attracts most clients."

Hang on. Isn't the purpose *of strong creative work to sell* more products — for *existing* clients?

To be fair, Douglas mentions the importance of building brands, relying heavily on J. Walter Thompson's theories and successes. But brand building and sales don't quite have the razzmatazz of account losses, agency splits, exotic locations, celebrities and big-budget commercials.

In the world of Adbiz the advertisement is the product. It's a means of gaining attention for the agency, of winning awards, attracting star talent and new business. And of course if it happens to move merchandise that's a welcome bonus. When products are similar, it's the advertising that distinguishes them. So agencies are tempted to merchandise distinctiveness at all costs.

Whereas the serious marketer will look for distinctiveness related to the *brand* values, the high priest of Adbiz will hymn the joys of form over content.

What makes John Smith's great advertising is the relevance of the execution to the brand values. Agency BMP's success is due as much to the researching of approaches as to the distinctiveness of the finished advertisement.

The truly great campaigns *build and maintain brands.* The ads establish and develop a relationship between the brand and the consumer. Each ad is part of the total communication between them. And each ad has to be in character. Techniques, personalities, graphic styles are *subsidiary.*

In a cogent introduction, Barry Day sets the record straight. "In the whole of advertising *there are few* things so fascinating as to watch an advertising fad burn itself out with all the brilliance and longevity of a shooting star . . . Lately, and particularly since TV, it has been a *look.* Lighting as substitute for insight."

If you want a map of Adbiz, or rather a tourist guide, this is your book. Everything you always wanted to know about advertising and had an idea you knew already.

Douglas has observed the scene, with growing assurance and depth, over the past seven years but *is still* at heart the trade-journalist attracted by the headline story. Who else would write "the starting point for every advertising campaign is the appointment of the advertising agency, or, to be more precise, the decision whether *or not to appoint an advertis*ing agency"?

Douglas's book will succeed for the reasons that ad trade *journals succeed.* But I wish he had spent more time on analysis, had explained why something succeeded, why a particular solution was better than another, why a design "worked."

In spite of the richness and variety of the illustrations and the *slickness of the layout* he is occasionally let down by the designer. Why show the striking Johnnie Walker Black Label "longest whisky advertisement" tube poster in sepia?

On the same page is Hassall's famous "Skegness is so bracing" poster. *It's called a* "classic." Why? "Guinness," says another caption, "has an illustrious advertising herit*age which makes it a much* coveted account" (why?) "and one in which wit and humour are vital" (why?).

But maybe these aren't questions you ask a coffee-table book. And as such it's far more interesting, far more readable and certainly less *decaffeinated than most.*

The Complete Guide To Advertising, by Torin Douglas. Foreword by Barry Day. Price £14.95, published by Macmillan.

The creative department, which produces the rough sketch for the ad's photographic basis, right, is according to Douglas, the most important place in an agency

Jeremy Bugler senses a threat to ITV journalism in the BBC's new scheduling

Grade expectations

A MEDIA writer, preparing an article for her trade journal on The London Programme's tenth anniversary this month, *asked whether we* ever came under pressure for ratings. The notion that television producers are constantly being harassed for better ratings is given usually more currency than it deserves, but just at the moment, her question has some grounding.

Michael Grade, BBC-1's new controller, is scheduling his channel with much more combativeness than his predecessors. In particular, he's applying with rigour the Basic Law of Aggressive Scheduling which states that the scheduler should pitch his most popular programmes against his opponents' weakest. He will then scoop the pool, and possibly *ruin his* opponents' ratings for the rest of the evening. Scheduling is more complex of course, than this, but the Basic Law is a key element.

Grade has moved Panorama to later in the evening and run popular shows against Granada's World in Action. Pre-Grade, there was almost a gentlemen's agreement that the two channels' current *affairs heavyweights should* have the protection of being transmitted against each other.

But now World in Action is having to compete first with Fame and then Are You Being Served? It did well against the former but the latter has had much the better of the contest. Meanwhile, Panorama running at 9.30 last month twice got *better ratings than* World in Action, which pre-Grade could be relied on to see off its rival.

Michael Grade is notably putting up a much tougher fight for audiences in the weekdays. Up till recently, the broad pattern had the BBC *ambling through the* weekdays but coming out raring for a fight at the weekends. Now the ITV contractors are having to compete all across the seven days and in the London region in the last few weeks, the BBC has on some weekdays given its ITV competitor a real *drubbing.*

Grade has also developed an eye for the current affairs shows that butt on to News at 10. This placing creates a news and current affairs hour, and arguably an opening for The Basic Law.

Overall, it's clear that the BBC, keenly aware in this political climate that it cannot afford to become a minority interest, is all out to show it has plenty of customers.

What does the Grade Age imply for current affairs editors like myself? Does it mean that we are in for a *period in which serious jour*nalistic programmes will be driven to the fringe and the owl hours? Will we have to abandon a policy of seriously trying to serve the region as the journalistic standards of the Sun-Star take over, offering viewers the surrogate mother expecting sextuplets and (my personal bane) the great medical breakthrough *about to cure cancer / glauco*ma / lassa fever?

I think all is not lost. First, good journalism is often rewarded by a good audience. When Greg Dyke made a London Programme on the risk of flooding in the capital just as the Thames really did look as *if* it was going to burst its banks, a quarter of all the London region households watched us.

More recently, a January show on the eviction of Eastenders who harassed their Asian neighbours also got a very healthy viewing figure. World in Action, TV Eye, Weekend World and Panorama all have numerous programmes that prove the same *point. So we can protect our*selves with better journalism.

Moreover, not all widely-viewed current affairs shows need be on pop subjects or crime. There are very often times when the audience has a deep curiosity about an issue on which it wants to be informed. The issue can seem prosaic. Again, out of The London Programme experience, a recent show on the *rate-capping rebellion got a* respectable audience.

And of course, there is the IBA. The Authority is broadly protective of serious programming, especially the regional shows like The London Progamme. The regionality of the ITV system is the one of main features that distinguishes it from the BBC, and the IBA guards the local shows with some *jealousy.*

It would be wrong, though, to imply that directors of programmes are itching to cast their serious shows to the late hours in the hunt for ratings and money. In recent years, The London Programme has actually improved its *transmission* time—from 11 pm on Sunday night to 10.30 pm on Friday.

But there is a problem. For all their interest in *serious* programming, the ITV contractors are commercial enterprises constituted to produce a return on capital invested. The harder it becomes to achieve that return, the more perilous the position of the serious shows.

Currently, a whole host of moves appear to be making it harder for the ITV contractors. Advertising on the BBC will be an enormous blow to serious broadcasting unless it is very severely restricted. The fact is that the ITV network's monopolistic structure has produced both the froth and the solid substance of much of contemporary television. Greater competition, taken beyond a limit, is likely to produce not more variety, but less. In this context, the new ratings struggle for the weekdays may be an ill-omen.

Jeremy Bugler is Editor of LWT's The London Programme.

Media File.....

THE THEOLOGY of television ratings moved into its Bishop of Durham stage last week. A Media World conference brought together the high priests of the ad-agencies, the supplicants of ITV, and the sceptics of the firms who advertise (and who have to foot the bill) to debate the latest proposed addition to their creed. It goes thus: "Yea, even though the ratings for ITV be higher than last year, as the oracle BARB has spoken, yet it is necessary for you the advertisers to buy ever more jingle-time, not less, if you would truly put your message before the people."

Neophytes start here. According to the BARB figures, television viewing at the start of 1985 has been some 25 per cent higher than a year ago. Simultaneously *ITV's revenues have stopped* growing, even started slipping, to an alarming extent. The theory that the advertisers had seen the ratings rise, so *decided that didn't need* so many spots, somehow didn't hold water (because they make spending decisions much earlier), and anyway was no comfort.

But what is clear is that somehow the ITV companies *have to persuade advertisers* not just to maintain their spending but to increase it to meet rising costs. And all this, in the face of embarrassingly high audiences.

Enter the theologians. How do you interpret the tablets and scrolls to prove that although the audiences are bigger, you need to preach at them more often in order to get the word heard? Well, they've done it. By BARB, they've done it.

The new theology comes in two testaments. First, the rise in ratings is mostly explained by the changes in the technology through which BARB collects them and the methodology by which they are calculated. The new push-button devices in some 3,500 homes now record the *viewing habits of guests, use* of several sets, short viewing sessions, even absence for holidays rather than boredom, more efficiently than ever before. And that accounts for some 18-21 per cent of the spectacular rise. In fact, all this viewing was really going on before, but no one knew. The "real" rise in audiences is only 4-7 per cent.

Hallelujah! But that still doesn't tell us why we should now spend even more, to reach people who were there all the time. Does it? Hear ye now the word of the new testament, as proclaimed by such as Mr Tim Cox, media *director of Bonse, Massimi,* Pollitt, and Mr Peter Battle, sales director of Ulster Television. They have crunched the BARB data through their computers, and ground them exceeding small, and what they now reveal is that though "ratings" (the numbers in a given audience) are up, the "coverage" (the spread of individuals watching a number of programmes *or commercial breaks) is not.*

It's the addicts, the "heavy viewers" who are watching more and more, while the rest — including quite a lot of those advertisers want to reach — have not. Battle says that an advertising campaign in 1985 achieving the same ratings as in 1984 might achieve only 70 per cent of the cover.

QED, oh my children. Place your cheques in the collection box as you leave. Alas, the sceptics remain. Mr Ian Shenton, of United Biscuits — one of the big spenders of the commercial break brigade — was rude enough to proclaim these teachings *"siren calls,"* and *said more* spending would just force up airtime prices rather than sell more biscuits. The meeting dispersed, for silent prayer.

ON THE QUESTION of ratings, there is no IBA survey of radio listening figures in London, let alone one that accords the pirate station *Solar* the popularity enumerated in the feature about it last week, and we blundered in giving it currency. The document in question appears to be an elaborate photostat hoax, incorporating the IBA's letterhead but way over the top in its figuring.

Radio audience figures are not easy to collect, and the ILR system's JICCAR system is itself currently pausing for thought. But the figures for last November in the London area show this picture of the percentage share of the audience's time given to each station in a week: Radio 2, 20.6 per cent; Capital 18.8; Radio 1, 17.4; Radio 4, 14.2; LBC, 10.7; BBC Radio London, 2.7; Radio 3, 1.9.

Which leaves some 13 per cent for others, including Luxembourg, the World Service, other ILR stations, and the pirates. Of which the pirates are thought to have got some 9 or 10 per cent, almost all attributed to offshore Radios Caroline and Laser, and 2 or 3 per cent to the land-roving Londoners, even before the raids started.

Peter Fiddick
Media editor

How Scum draws a line for the censors

Geoffrey Robertson on the implications of the Whitehouse judgment

MRS Whitehouse has made her most helpful contribution yet to the sensible development of media law by bringing the IBA to judgment over its director general's decision to transmit Scum. The Court of Appeal's *ruling* in favour of the Authority clears up a confusion left by a similar action against a documentary about Andy Warhol in 1973, and provides a basis for the IBA to avoid such absurd actions as its ban on 20/20 Vision's critique of M15.

The IBA was set up in 1954 to license independent television companies and supervise their operations. Exaggerated fears about commercial exploitation of the medium provoked Parliament to impose a broad statutory duty to intervene to ensure that "nothing is included in the programmes which offends against good taste or decency or is likely to encourage crime . . . or be offensive to public feeling", and to preserve "due impartiality" on matters of political controversy.

The IBA has interpreted these duties as requiring it to accept *editorial* responsibility for programmes, vetting and pre-censoring any which might prove in any way controversial.

The Annan Committee, reporting on the future of television in 1977, was profoundly unimpressed by the chunks which the IBA was biting out of some current affairs programmes. It forcefully recommended that the Authority should desist from pre-censorship.

This recommendation overlooked the 1973 Court of Appeal *ruling which seemed* to suggest that members of the IBA had a legally enforceable duty to view and approve potentially controversial programmes prior to transmission.

This ruling was obtained by Norris McWhirter, who took the IBA to court on the strength of sensational press previews of an ATV programme about the work of Andy Warhol. The Court of Appeal held that although an IBA decision to transmit could not be upset unless it were so unreasonable as to be perverse, the statute laid a personal responsibility on members to make that decision in controversial cases.

It was on this procedural basis that Mrs Whitehouse *originally succeeded in her* attack on the screening of Scum, a powerful drama about young offenders in a Borstal.

The Divisional Court ruled that director-general John Whitney had committed a "grave error of judgment" in approving the transmission of a controversial film after *careful consultation with his* senior staff, but without first showing it to members of the Authority for their approval.

Had this approach been confirmed by the Court of Appeal, the IBA would have started to resemble a major censorship body, whose members would be personally required to approve any film or documentary which seemed likely to provoke protest.

The theoretical possibility, however remote in practice, of authority members *arraigned in an Old Bailey* dock charged with aiding and abetting Cathy Massiter's breach of the Official Secrets Act led to their extraordinary loss of nerve over the Channel 4 programme on M15.

The Court of Appeal decision on Scum removes these fears and paves the way for the IBA to adopt a less interventionist role in television programming. It points out that the statutory duties of ensuring "good taste" and "due impartiality" are imprecise, and require only that members should do their best to establish and supervise a system which provides a reasonable prospect that these values will be preserved by the companies.

IBA members were not obliged personally to vet every controversial programme: a system which *enabled them to monitor stan*dards and be kept informed of public reaction was satisfactory, with the director-general retaining discretion to "refer up" only those programmes which be regarded, *exceptionally, as appropriate* for Board consideration.

The IBA will need to maintain *its* monitoring functions, to investigate viewer complaints, and to provide guidelines on standards of taste and decency, and there must always be provision for test cases to be "referred up" for decision. But routine previewing and pre-censorship of programmes on controversial subjects by IBA officials or members can no longer be defended as legally necessary.

The court's description of the IBA's statutory duties may also put paid to fears that its members could properly be joined in any prosecution of a television company or programme contractor for breaches of criminal law. A general supervisory duty cannot carry personal liability for aiding and abetting a programme transmitted in breach of the law, unless there is both knowledge of the illegal content of the programme and a positive encouragement to transmit it.

The standard of "good taste" calls for value judgments instead of legal opinions, and the values ultimately should be those of viewers.

John Whitney had the *humility to allow viewers to* decide for themselves — at 11.30 pm on Channel 4 — and only three complained. Perhaps the only "grave error of judgment" was made by those who have sought to keep Scum and its uncomfortable message off the screen from the outset.

Geoffrey Robertson is a barrister and co-author of Media Law — The Rights of Journalists and Broadcasters (Oyez Longman, 1984).

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For further details contact **The Hexagon, Queen's Walk, Reading, Berks. Telephone: Reading (0734) 592369.**

Closing Date: 26th April, 1985.

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This post will require strong communication and negotiating skills allied to a market orientated commercial approach. In this respect it is expected that the post will in part be self-financing.

Further details and an application form can be obtained from the **Personnel and Management Services Officer, Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom, Surrey, or phone Epsom 26252, Ext. 2184. Closing date: 26th April, 1985.**

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Please send full CV, to arrive no later than Monday 22 April 1985, to:

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READVERTISEMENT

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A Leisure Facility of Darlington Borough Council

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For an informal discussion, phone David Wright on (0325) 469305.

Application forms and further details are available from the Head of Personnel & Management Services, Town Hall, Darlington. Tel.: (0325) 460651, ext. 315.

Closing Date: Friday, 3rd May, 1985

DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

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Miss E. Sue Arthur, Senior Personnel Officer.
British Standards Institution
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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

National Park and Contryside Department

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Scale 3-5 £5,922 to £8,262

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Application forms returnable by May 3, 1985, and further particulars obtainable from: National Park Officer, National Park and Countryside Department, Eastburn, South Park, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 1BS. Tel. (0434) 605585.

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**David Long,
Forum,
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Further details from Personnel Department, Age Concern England, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3LL. Closing date, Friday, 3rd May.

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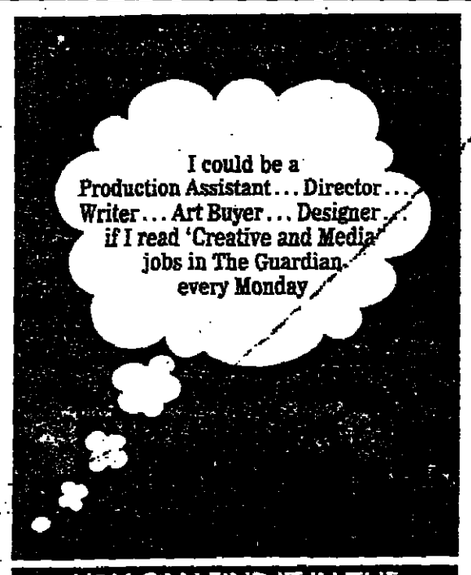

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The register to be updated annually, would be used for work to be undertaken directly by the Association as well as being available for reference by client or other arts organisations in the region

Needs for such work vary both in nature and duration and normally a fee would be negotiated in each instance appropriate to the particular task

In order to be considered for inclusion on this register please submit a detailed C V quoting reference 852 by Monday 13th May 1985 to **The Director, Greater London Arts, 25-31, Tavistock Place, London WC1 9SF.** The C V should include details of any research or consultancy work undertaken in the past and the names and addresses of two referees

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Decca International
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Apply in writing, with CV and names of two referees, to **Staffing Officer, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London SE1 9RT, quoting Ref: G/AVS/47.**

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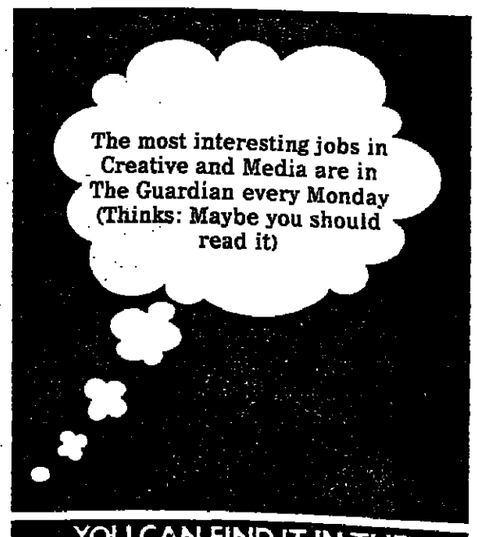

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The Foreign Secretary had to make the same three points in three different countries. HELLA PICK reports from Warsaw

How Sir Geoffrey played the three card trick

IT CERTAINLY did no harm at all to Sir Geoffrey Howe's ego that the Guardian and one other colleague were present as he sang away lustily in the Seven Angels tavern in Prague, distracting his Czechoslovak counterpart Mr Choupnek while two of his aides achieved a clandestine meeting with a group of Charter 77 activists.

His Czech hosts, however, were not amused. They have already said so, forcefully, to British diplomats in Prague and this first visit by a British Foreign Secretary for 20 years has probably not done much to ease relations between the two countries.

This may not matter greatly. The Czechoslovak regime is more impervious to Western arguments about arms control, let alone human rights, than perhaps any other Warsaw Pact country. What mattered most to the British visitors was to remind the handful of dissidents, who have lost almost everything except their dignity, that they are not forgotten.

It seemed equally important that the Czechoslovak primate, Cardinal Tomasek should have a rare opportunity to tell the outside world of his battles to win more breathing space for the Church's efforts to boost national morale.

But now that the Foreign Secretary has completed a full round of visits to the Soviet Union's six Warsaw Pact partners, he must know how hard it is to find the right balance between the three tasks that the British Government has defined for its dealings with Eastern Europe.

Britain wants to bring credibility to arms control negotiations and argues that this depends on an overall improvement in the East-West climate, to which it can contribute significantly. Secondly, Sir Geoffrey Howe has become more and more determined to plug away at British concern for individual human rights. Last but not least, Britain wants to boost its trade with Eastern Europe.

Howe has persuaded himself that there is a logical link between all three propositions. Any reasonable person, he thinks, even Communist bloc leaders, should be able to grasp that the ability of Western parliamentary governments to negotiate successfully with the Warsaw Pact countries depends to a large measure on their response to dissent, on their treatment of minorities and especially on their respect for such individual freedoms as travel, uncensored speech, and religious practice.

Yet, his travels, to Romania and Bulgaria in February, and, now to East Germany, Czechslovakia and Poland have surely demonstrated that the Communist bloc leaders reject his logic and that his leverage, based on such argument, is miniscule.

Last week, one and a half days was devoted to getting the British message across to the GDR; 24 hours to Czechoslovakia, and two and a half days in Warsaw — a clear indication of their rating in Whitehall.

The basic pattern was similar. There was an official lunch or dinner given by the host country with speeches by both sides that set the overall tone of the visit. Then there were formal talks between foreign ministers, where each spoke to a largely predictable brief. There were courtesy calls, and in Poland's case, substantive talks, with each country's leader. There was a British Government reception where the guest list was or was not a clue to contact with dissidents; and a call on a Church leader, if one was available. At the end there was a press conference, where local journalists were given the full bloom of the Foreign Secretary's thoughts, and where the British journalists travelling with him offered a display of probing aggressiveness towards their minister.

The three-country trip took place against the background of new developments affecting East-West relations. At the US-Soviet arms talks in Geneva, the space weapons isssue has emerged as a major handicap to progress.

Sir Geoffrey Howe himself has delivered a sharp critique of President Reagan's strategic defence initiative, certain to encourage the Kremlin that the time was right for a new campaign to drive a wedge between the Western allies. Mr Mikhail Gorbachev had become the Soviet Union's new leader and his first major foreign policy declaration was delivered just before the Foreign Secretary arrived in East Berlin; a major part of it was directed at exploiting Nato differences.

But while Mr Gorbachev may have shown part of his hand on policy towards the West, the East European leaders are still very much in the dark about his expectations from the Communist bloc.

Everywhere the Foreign Secretary insisted that the Western alliance was solid. He glossed over his own doubts over President Reagan's Star Wars project and argued — as if he had discovered a new wisdom — that space weapons research began in the Soviet Union in the Sixties and that Reagan should be understood as "a Ronnie come lately," just trying to catch up.

The Foreign Secretary was circumspect in East Berlin on human rights. Although he borrowed from Martin Luther, one of East Germany's favourite sons, to talk of "a trumpet call which could bring down the barriers and walls that still divide our peoples," he resolutely refused al temptation to denounce the Berlin Wall itself. When he was in Potsdam, within yards of the visible East-West divide, he pretended not to notice and also made sure that he was not photographed against it.

He made no serious gesture towards East Germany's dissidents, and he did not visit the head of the Evangelical Church. The GDR authorities in return played it cool. They even published some of Geoffrey Howe's references to the need for free travel between East and West.

In East Berlin the Foreign Secretary's priority was to dwell on Mr Gorbachev's initiative as a mis-judged attempt to divide the alliance. In return, the East Germans wanted to show the new Soviet leader, as well as Britain, that their national interest required friendlier relations with the West.

Czechoslovakia's leadership appeared to assume that pending further news from the Kremlin it was wisest to play old gramophone records about Western imperialism and to respond to Western ministerial visits by increasing the restrictions on dissidents.

The Polish authorities knew in advance that Sir Geoffrey Howe planned to visit the grave of Father Popieluszko, the murdered Polish priest, and that while he would make no attempt to contact Lech Walesa, he was determined to meet some of Solidarity's advisers. The Polish leadership baulked at the British desire to give a small private dinner for the Solidarity group, and might have cancelled the whole visit. But when the British contented themselves by inviting members of the opposition to a big reception, the government merely responded with a boycott of the occasion. This misfired because the gathering that turned up was made up almost entirely of dissidents

Their presence and outspokenness underlined the lack of Polish consensus. But it also reinforced the Foreign Secretary's view that Poland, for all its faults, still has the most open society in Eastern Europe.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, hardly, the most demonstrative of men, had tears in his voice when he spoke of his evening visit to Father Popieluszko's church. The crowds, the solemnity, the victory signs, and the hopes the congregation pinned on Britain had combined to convince him all the more strongly of his logic that "European security and human rights are indivisible." Poland's leaders, he told General Jaruzelski need to make tough economic decisions, whose success depends on achieving national consensus.

He forgot, but Polish leaders do not—and neither do other East European leaders — that such boldness also needs a nod from Mr Gorbachev.

MARTIN WALKER on how Moscow rocks with caution

Red suede shoes

IT WAS perhaps the most important concert the young rock band would ever give. The hall below them was empty but for seven chairs. Slowly, the jury filed in. There were four women, one young, two middle-aged and one elderly, and three men in their thirties. They chatted confidently with one another as the band filed on to the stage, introduced themselves and began to play.

The band calls itself "last chance" and they had already been warned that this was a suspiciously pessimistic title. They were amateurs, who work and practise in their own time, and who perform without pay. This concert was to decide whether they would get the right to play in Moscow's houses of culture, factory clubs, student hostels and at official concerts, whether, in short, they would be an "authorised vocal-instrumental ensemble."

The band was formed five years ago, when the cultural atmosphere was rather more relaxed, in the days when there was even a punk rock band in Leningrad called Automatic Satisfaction, whose lead singer called himself Pig. He achieved transitory fame when he once urinated over his audience.

But the Communist Party plenum of July 1983, when Yuri Andropov condemned "ideologically and aesthetically harmful bands with dubious repertoires," put an end to all that. A complex structure of controls has been introduced which requires the local Komsomol (the Young Communists), the musicians' union and the Ministry of Culture to police concerts, discos and the bands themselves.

Last Chance is one of the most interesting bands still playing. Their repertoire includes the poems of Robert Burns, nursery rhymes, Russian poets and their own lyrics, all set to music and performed in a theatrical, high-camp style. Rather like the British band Genesis, they use masks and costumes and bizarre props and produce something that is more cabaret than concert.

There are three of them. Sergei Vorabiev is the main singer. He plays accoustic guitar and works in a kindergarten. Sasha Samoylov plays drums, flute, recorder and castanets. He is the artistic inspiration, and works as an aerobics teacher. He began as a construction engineer, but is now studying part-time for a theatre director's diploma. Sergei Ryzhenko plays violin, which he studied at the Conservatoire. He makes a living teaching music, and used to play with the best-known of the Soviet rock bands, Time Machine.

They went through their repertoire without a trace of audience reaction. The jury sat silent, even though some of the act was funny, some stirring and all of it rather good. The band then filed out, and the jury began to discuss them.

The performance took place in the recreation hall of the Sverdlov silk factory on the banks of the river Moscow. The band had been on probation there for four months. The factory's recreation manager spoke first to the jury, and said the band was popular with his young workers, made a good change from the usual disco.

The elderly lady from the Ministry of Culture then called in Sasha to ask him if this was all they could play, these poems? Sasha was non-committal. The young man from the local Komsomol said that the band was always ready to volunteer to play at youth clubs, an showed a co-operative attitude. But he wanted to hear the band's full repertoire in case there were "less wholesome" songs than the ones the jury had heard. "These nursery rhymes can sometimes have a different meaning for adults," he said.

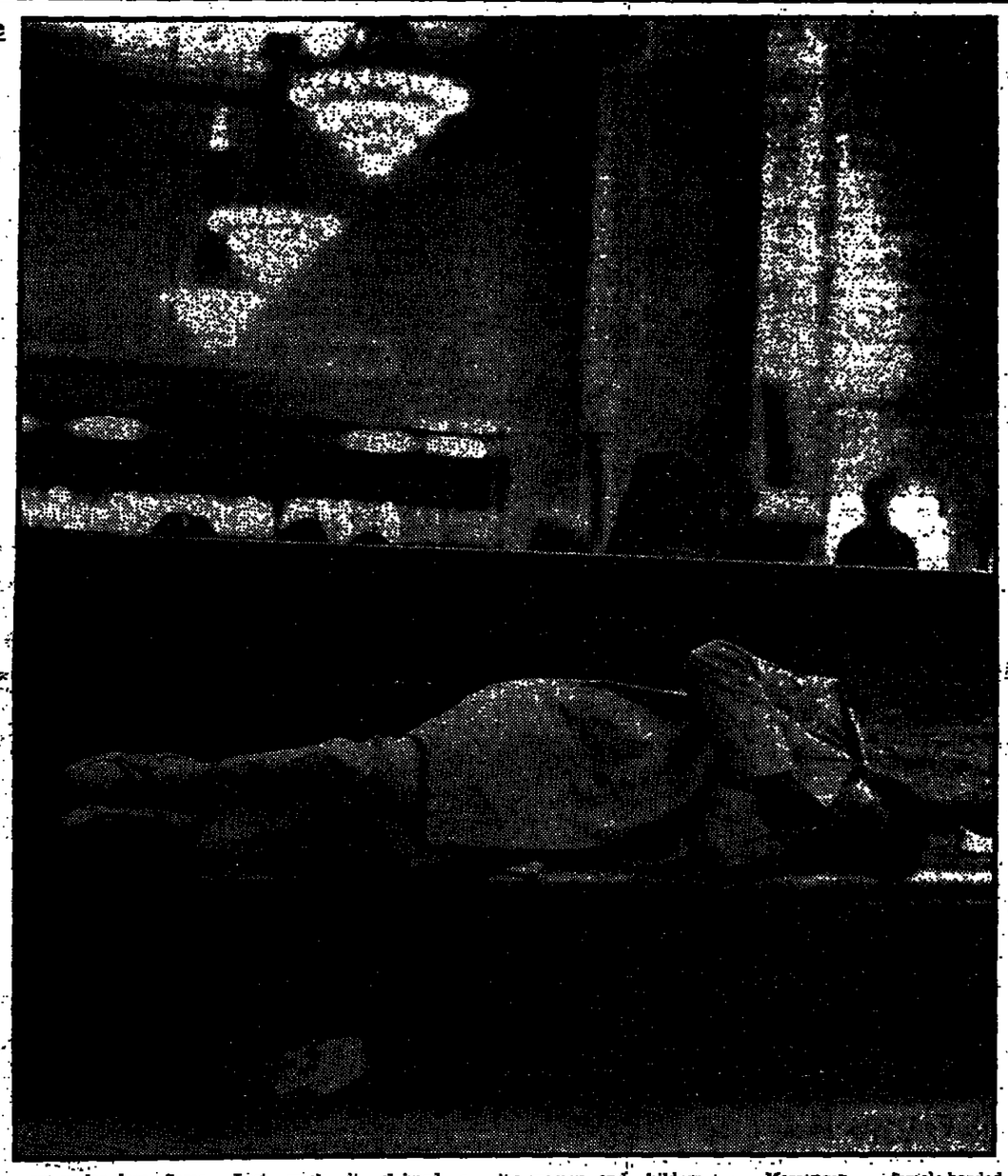
The young woman, also from the Komsomol, then said simply; "This band must live. They are creative." Then the middle-aged woman from the local centre for public creativity said they were refreshingly different from the usual vocal-instrumental ensemble, had a good stage show and looked very neat. Sasha smiled politely.

There were questions about Sasha's plans for the future, did he want to become a professional musician? He told them of his work for a theatre diploma. They checked sergei's credentials as a qualified musican and that was it. Last Chance was licensed, not to become a full professional band, but to play at amateur venues throughout Moscow. They could even earn a little money.

And for the jury, they had solved a problem. This summer, Moscow hosts an international festival of youth, and Komsomol officials have been muttering for months about the need to field some decent Soviet groups who would not be laughed off-stage by the sophisticated visitors. If you want to be a rock 'n' roll star, comrade, this is the best possible time to try.

New York is no place to be alone. MICHAEL WHITE reports on the growing problems of the dispossessed

By Grand Central station they lay down and slept



Grand Central Station: makeshift dormitory for New York's homeless — picture by Neil Libbert

ED KOCH, the flamboyant mayor of New York is unmarried. So is Carol Bellamy, one of the currently declared challengers for his job. Denny Farrell, the Black-Hispanic candidate, is divorced with two children.

Hardly typical New Yorkers any of them. But they symposise a trend which, if New York is anything to go by, and it usually has been these past 100 years, will eventually become as pronounced elsewhere as it is here; not just the fragmentation of the family in big cities but the polarisation between the affluent and the poor, especially the poor who are women with children.

Between them, Grand Central Station and the 1980 census make a good starting point. The census confirmed that over the decade there were 800,000 fewer people in New York's five boroughs, 7,071,639 including 86 Eskimos. The number of families dropped 14 per cent, but the number of people living alone rose again to 909,238, almost a third of the city's households, reputedly a higher proportion than anywhere else.

Nobody knows for certain how many of these are the famous "Yuppies," the young upwardly mobile professionals who man New York's ever-more sophisticated service industries and throng into its 75 dollar a plate restaurants, or gay, whether Yuppie or not. Even in New York, gay lobbyists point out, only 2 per cent feel secure enough to come out when approached by opinion pollsters.

What is not disputed is that many are elderly and that nearly half the women over 65 in the city have incomes below the poverty level. The ultimate losers are the "bag ladies" who shuffle their pathetic bundles of possessions into Grand Central Station every night in search of a ladies' loo to sleep in, or one of the phone booths next to O'Henry's photographic shop. When the station closes at 1.30 the police will move them and the 100 or so men in similar plight out into mid-Manhattan, a policy reversal for Mayor Koch who was letting them stay during the worst of the winter.

This area being a mixture of Soho and Euston with a hint of Belgravia at the edges, other elements in the demographic drama are not far away. The ritual between cops and bag ladies is overviewed, if not actually watched, by late-night commuters having a last drink before the flight to the suburbs. Though there is always talk of gentrification destroying poor homes — even in Harlem — a cautious analysis in the magazine American demography reports: "There is scant evidence that a back-to-the-city movement has begun. In fact there is a good deal of evidence to the contrary."

But if the middle-aged and middle-class who fled the city's crime, schools and taxes, have stayed away then the rich have slightly increased their hold on mid-Manhattan. Yuppie jobs in the city grew 10 per cent in the decade. And there are the immigrants, 24 per cent foreign-born now compared with 19 per cent 10 years ago.

Sociologists like Professor Roger Waldinger at New York's City University caution against bracketing them all as an under-class. Some do well; the Chinese in the garment industry, Koreans with their grocery shops, Indians and Arabs with tobacconists and stationery shops, West Indians do well in New York, accentuating their differentness from native-born blacks. British whites thrive here on similar techniques.

The debate is whether the relentless process of up-grading some jobs, typists into word processors, and de-skilling others, stock-keeping into computing, will balance out or gradually destroy low-skilled jobs. Certainly the city is talking confidently. Last week it claimed a record 76,000 new jobs in one year and the strongest civic economy for 25 years.

The downside of this picture is evident, not far from Grand Central Station, in some of the 50 or so emergency hotels which New York's social services — the Human Resources Administration (HRA) — keeps full with homeless families, shabby, crowded hotels, often violent and, like London's, lucrative.

The city is looking after an unprecedented 20,000 homeless people, the majority women and children — 3,449 families at the last count, or 12,000 people. They move "like an army of refugees" one social worker calls it, from one temporary shelter to another; in the Bronx, 64 families live in one huge gym.

Many surveys have noted the irony. Just when women have entered the labour force in huge numbers and are making some progress on pay and promotion, an unprecedented number are becoming poor. According to a report prepared for New York city councillor Ruth Messenger, female-headed families in New York rose from 29 to 45 per cent of all families in the 70s. The number of such families living in poverty nearly doubled. Women head 77 per cent of city families living in poverty. The official figures confirm that those living below the federal poverty level rose from 14.9 per cent in 1969 to 24 per cent in 1982.

The American Red Cross's newly-opened hotel for homeless families is a surprisingly cheerful failed motel at the other end of 42nd Street from Grand Central in what used to be the Hell's Kitchen district. And the reasons for what US academics first dubbed "the feminisation of poverty" are equally plain to them. After splitting up with her husband, Rebecca Gomez kept her two kids, her husband kept the flat. When her furnished room was burned out she came here. With Red Cross's forceful help she will find another place and when her daughter is old enough for school she will find work. Probably it will be unskilled, low-paid, part-time sort of work. If she seeks maintenance from her ex-husband then probably, like most poor women, she will not get it.

Rebecca Bryant, 25, neat and with three young children, readily confirms what the academics claim. "We used to have two salaries. When my husband and I divorced I simply couldn't make it on my own with one salary." But when she can get somewhere to live she expects to resume work as a private nursing aide and pay a (low) $60 a fortnight for child care. She gets no maintenance.

The Yuppie life-style bears witness to what these women have learned the hard way. They know that two salaries are needed to maintain their life style and small families, if any. Middle-class professional women who decide to have a baby alone "before it is too late" are the object of write-ups in the glossy magazines (they are bringing out a magazine of their own soon). It is harder than they thought. Some of the immigrant groups know it too. Extended family groups mean free baby-minding and many incomes, albeit low

Among the people at the sharp end there is little time or incliniation to blame the Reagan administration. The lobbyists have demonstrated, amply and often, how federal budget cuts in social services since 1981, have hit the health, the housing, the education and nutrition of the poor. They have shown that what remains of the nuclear family the President so often invokes, will be placed under greater strain by the new 1986 budget proposals.

But if he visited the 42nd Street Red Cross motel, Reagan might find perverse justification for his policies in the determination of the occupants. Shirlene Gore, a lively woman of 25, gave birth to her third child in her friend's hallway having traipsed all over town in labour. She wants to put herself through college and go back to West Virginia. "I don't want my kids sitting around in New York on welfare at my age. Look what a mess I'm in." It may be a dream, but it is a potent one.

When liberty seems divisible

MARTIN KETTLE examines the mounting strains in one of Britain's oldest pressure groups

THIS MONTH sees the climax of a series of political convulsions which threaten one of Britain's most durable and important pressure groups. Members and affiliates of the National Council for Civil Liberties convene for their annual general meeting in London on April 27. At stake are not merely the council's policies on key questions, ranging from the policing of the miners' strike to the rights of the National Front. The meeting will also decide the fate of the council's general secretary, Larry Gostin, and many observers believe that it will in turn determine what sort of civil liberties movement, if any, survives to the end of the century.

The immediate issue facing the NCCL is how to respond to its own sponsored inquiry on civil liberties and the miners' dispute. The inquiry published its interim report last December, but has still to produce a final verdict. But the interim report has angered many of NCCL's powerful trade union affiliates who believe the inquiry should have confined itself to police and court tactics. The unions are incensed because some passages in the report blame miners' leaders, pickets and supporters for contributing to breaches of civil liberty.

The stakes for the NCCL are extremely high. If the members back the inquiry's approach, several unions are set to disaffiliate from NCCL. In theory this could remove up to a quarter of the council's £400,000 a year income. Jobs and projects would be threatened. The situation will be even worse if the Greater London Council also decides to cut its funding. But if the members reject, or even censure, the report NCCL will also be in trouble. The inquiry team would resign, leaving its work unfinished. Larry Gostin would quit as general secretary. And this in turn would trigger further resignations and disaffiliations.

The battle is important to the NCCL not merely because of the highly charged feelings which surround the strike. Wider issues about the sort of organisation which NCCL should be are also involved. Throughout its 51 year history, the NCCL has faced a difficult, some would say irreconcilable, challenge of building itself a broad, non-party base while, at the same time, most of its support comes from the left.

This tension has erupted before. In 1939, for example, the NCCL took a clear, but undoubtedly unpopular, civil libertarian stance against the imposition of emergency wartime regulations which suspended habeas corpus and many other liberties. But it then undermined that stance when it supported the use of those emergency powers against Sir Owald Mosley. To many of NCCL's founders, notably E.M.Forster, the council's president, this was an abandonment of principle. In the post-war period, Forster and George Orwell (among others) resigned their membership because they believed that NCCL was too pro-communist.

During the 1970s, the NCCL became increasingly identified with the Labour Party. Its general secretary, Patricia Hewitt, and its legal officer, Harriet Harman, were both adopted as Labour parliamentary candidates while working for the council. These were also the years in which trade union affiliations, not previously the mainstay of NCCL support, rocketed.

Gostin succeeded Hewitt in 1983 amid official determination within NCCL that the new general secretary should not have a party political allegiance. It is now a condition of Gostin's job that he should not pursue a private parliamentary career. Since he took over, Gostin has deliberately tried to resuscitate all-party support for NCCL. An all-party parliamentary civil liberties group, similar to one which existed in the 1960s but which has since collapsed, has been set up. It is chaired by a Tory, Geoffrey Rippon.

Gostin's allies stress that these moves are not a personal whim, but have been encouraged and supported by his executive committee, which includes many left-wingers. There is no doubt that his strategy has had some success. Tory MPs who would in the past have abominated everything which NCCL advocates are now prepared to defend it. One MP, Steve Norris, has urged fellow Tories to read the interim report on the strike "because, against expectations, we at last have something which points to the desire to re-establish credibility."

Gostin's critics say that he is turning NCCL to the right. His defenders say that NCCL must derive its policy positions from broad civil liberty principles and that its constituency should extend well beyond the labour movement.

This major battle of principle will be fought out at the conference over three key issues. The first is the closed shop, a long-time headache issue for the council, which it has traditionally tried to fudge. Now a former general secretary of NCCL, Tony Smythe, is proposing that NCCL "recognise the civil liberty principle that any person has the right to choose whether or not to join, or to remain a member of, a trade union."

Second, NCCL is faced with a re-run of the controversy which dominated last year's conference, the circumstances in which it should, if at all, give civil liberty advice to the National Front. A motion from the Bristol branch says that advice must be given "solely on the basis of the civil liberty involved, whoever is affected." Last year, John McDonnell, deputy leader of the Greater London Council, threatened to cut off financial support if such a policy was adopted. In the event it was not.

But the crunch issue is the miners' strike report. At last year's conference, with the miners' strike then only a few weeks old, trade union delegates successfully moved that NCCL should organise "an independent public inquiry into police behaviour" in the dispute. The final terms of the reference were the subject of bitter internal negotiation before the inquiry was eventually launched last August. NUM supporters strove to ensure that the scope was kept narrow, threatening that miners would boycott a wide-ranging probe. In the event, the terms were kept short — "the civil liberties implications of the role of the police, the police authorities and the criminal courts in the events arising from and relating to the NUM dispute." The six members of the inquiry, chaired by Professor Peter Wallington of Lancaster University, concluded that this required them to examine and comment on the context of the policing operation, not merely its conduct. This is the issue which has provoked the backlash.

The extent of that backlash became evident when the NCCL executive met in February. It backed a motion regretting that the inquiry exceeded its terms of reference in commenting on the conduct of striking and working miners and charging that the presentation of the report was "unnecessarily damaging to the miners' cause." As a result, Wallington has told NCCL that his team will resign if the motion is carried at the annual conference. Wallington himself will move rejection of the executive's line. At the last count, there were already some ten motions about the report, mainly critical.

Neither side is prepared to claim victory in advance of the conference. A group of executive members including the council chairperson, Bill Birtles, are still trying to find a compromise position. But with the executive openly censuring its own inquiry that will be a hard circle to square. The outcome will depend on whether enough of NCCL's individual members, who have to pay their own fares to attend, turn up on the day to outvote the expenses paid union block votes.

Adjustment and austerity will top the menu at the finance ministers' soiree

AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

Alex Brummer

ANY expectation that finance ministers from the debtor and creditor could calmly sit down and settle their differences at this week's meetings of the IMF and World Bank have been rudely shattered by real world events. From the Sudan to Argentina from Kenya to Brazil political and economic circumstances mean that in effect the finance ministers are still meeting under the shadow of crisis. Indeed, some of the difficulties of debtor countries appear as intractable today as when the debt crisis first surfaced in Mexico, in the summer of 1982.

But perhaps as worrying is the weakening in the world economic outlook which has taken place since the IMF/World Bank annual meetings in Washington last September. New IMF forecasts to be released this week will downgrade the US's and the world economy's growth prospects for this year and next. And while the US decision to allow a monetary conference in Washington may ease some of the tensions among the industrial countries Mr George Shultz's warnings about imbalances and their devastating potential still rings clear.

The structure of this week's meetings is novel and that may also make for some confusion. Historically the interim and development committees, the main policy-making bodies of the bank and fund have met over two days rather than three, and the sessions have been largely formal. This time things will be different.

While the ministers will run through the ritual of reading their pre-prepared speeches on pre-cooked issues in the mornings the afternoons will be given over to a free-for-all for politicians only. At some cost in diplomatic energy to the managing director of the IMF Mr Jacques De Larosiere and the bank president Mr A.W. "Tom" Clausen the hangers on who attend the formal sessions will be booted out after lunch.

This is not just officials advising ministers — it also includes the panoply of international observers from the EEC to the Bank for International Settlements, who turn up at these meetings to read what one bank insider described as "third rate papers."

Furthermore, panic set in at the development committee when its chairman, the compliant Mr Ghulam Ishak Khan, was relieved of his duties as finance minister of Pakistan technically disqualifying him from a sensitive job. Somehow, with the support of the Americans, he has managed to hang on *until after the meetings* are over.

The agenda for the formal sessions of the interim committee is limited to an allocation of special drawing rights and the world economic outlook. Although the IMF in the form of Mr De Larosiere, the developing countries and some industrial countries — notably France — remain in favour of a new issue of SDRs, the discussion is seen only as a formality. The US, supported by Japan and others, will block any such new issue on the grounds that it is unnecessary.

That leaves the world economic outlook. Clearly, after last week's OECD gathering in Paris, some of the heat has been taken out of the dollar issue. However, several countries have made it clear to the managing director that they intend to use the occasion to press for what has become known as "greater surveillance" — a process under which the major industrial countries would be more formally required to bring their economic behaviour into line.

One proposal gaining *ground is that the currently* private regular surveys done by the IMF during its annual review of member country economies be beefed-up and publicly released. So the bank manager's prescription will become a blueprint for change.

This is one way of trying to tackle the outstanding imbalances in the international economy notably the US budget deficit and its impact on capital and trade flows. It might for example be used to encourage the Japanese to reduce their high level of domestic savings — which Mr Shultz at least believes is a fundamental source of the huge Japanese trade surplus which reached $44 billion worldwide last year, of which $37 billion was with the US.

The formal sessions of the development committee, which in the past have been dry occasions, are also likely to have their share of drama this year. In the last week the executive directors have given a tentative go-ahead to one of Mr Clausen's pet schemes the multilateral insurance guarantee agency (MIGA) — a sort of World Bank ECGD — aimed at insuring against political risk in the Third World. However, another Clausen project—the "Future of the Bank Study" and the associated General Capital Increase (GCI) is having a rougher passage.

While the draft report was finished some weeks ago it has been rewritten so many times it apparently scarcely made it through the board in time for the Development Committee. Essentially the report will make the case for a more bespoke approach to individual countries: it will urge greater concentration on the least developed countries notably in Africa; it will recommend more policy and less project lending and greater co ordination with the IMF. To do all this and more will require the General Capital Increase although finance ministers — slowed by the US — will probably postpone any formal action until the annual meeting at *Seoul* in the autumn.

This IMF/Bank co-operation is often far more difficult than it may seem as current dispute over Kenya, where the Bank and IMF have locked horns over the Government's grain marketing monopoly. Similarly, putting more resourcese into Africa can cause the Bank severe problems as a recent internal report on the International Finance Corporation — showing a sharp deterioration in its African investments in the 1979-84 period — demonstrated.

It is in the informal afternoon sessions that finance ministers intend to take up the debt issue in what has been described as a "free for all." But any thoughts that the industrial countries are going to pull some magic scheme out of the hat should be quickly discounted despite the view among executive directors that the crisis has worsened again even though it is far less severe than in 1982.

The list of weak links in the debt grow longer by the day. Argentina with its $15 per cent inflation is not expected to reach any accommodation with the IMF until at least July; the painful Neves transition in Brazil has brought economic negotiations to a halt; Sudan has all but been declared ineligible for IMF loans — and the list of woes goes on.

For these countries and others like them the promise of multiyear rescheduling at lower interest rates, on the Mexican model, remains pie in the sky. Indeed, all that will be offered them at next week's meetings is more of the same — adjustment and austerity.

The only good piece of news for the debtor countries has been the lowering of American interest rates which on IMF projections will remain moderate over the next few months. This may take some of the emotions out of the debate.

However, as recent events in the Sudan demonstrate IMF inspired austerity can be dangerous: perhaps nowhere moreso than in Argentina where the democratic traditions is so fragile. At the margins a better resourced world bank, a new issue of SDRs and a less heavy handed policy of conditionality could make all the difference. But with the Americans sitting on their hands there is no cause for optimism in Washington this week.

Sweeping powers over nationalised industries condemned

TUC attacks Tory proposals

By David Simpson,
Business Correspondent

The Government's proposals to award itself sweeping new powers over the nationalised industries, enabling it to bypass Parliament when fixing financial targets or making privatisation plans, have been condemned out of hand by the TUC. In the same breath, the TUC has attacked the means by which the Conservatives have introduced the new proposals as "crude attempts to stifle debate."

The intended measures were launched as a consultative document one day before Parliament recessed at Christmas, and only the nationalised industries themselves have been invited to lodge comments.

The all-party energy select committee has already responded by calling for a full examination of the proposals in the light of their probable impact on the energy supply industries.

"Proposals to reform the industry's operating statutes should be framed in terms of improving service to the customer, helping to revive the British economy with a thriving public sector, making the nationalised more publicly accountable and involving workers more closely in decision making," the TUC argues in a paper published today.

And it concludes: "The Government's present proposals do none of these things. Indeed, the Treasury paper ignores the industries' consumers and workers altogether. The paper would simply strengthen the government's powers to cut back and sell off the nationalised industries. They are negative proposals and the TUC is opposed the them."

The Government, the TUC claims, is finding it increasingly difficult to justify its privatisation programme and the candid new measures represent nothing less than a Treasury-inspired scheme to remove the privatisation issue from the public eye.

At the same time, it argues "the Treasury know that an open public debate on their proposals would quickly reveal them to be a major assault on Parliamentary accountability and so try to make sure such a debate would not happen."

The planned legislation on financial targets and on determining borrowing and guarantee parameters for the nationalised industry, the TUC states, have been drafted only to extend the Government's control over the industry's finances and would lead to a one-sided restrictive approach.

In particular, the proposals on borrowing and guarantees would lead to increased constraints upon nationalised industries, rather than encouraging the cost effective expansion of their capital investment. "Nationalised industries do not exist to provide a backdoor tax fund for the Treasury, nor are they a burden upon the British economy," the TUC argues in a concluding dismissal of the Government's proposals.

"On the contrary, nationalised industries should have wider social and national objectives. They should be encouraged to expand and to play a crucial role in the reflation of the British economy."

Barclays digs in on South Africa

By James Erlichman

BARCLAYS Bank, the largest foreign investor in South Africa, refused again yesterday to reconsider its support for the apartheid regime despite mounting attacks on its involvement.

The End Loans to Southern Africa Campaign (Eltsa), which has waged a relentless war-of-words against Barclays, claimed yesterday in a new report that accounts worth £6 billion have now been withdrawn from the bank because of its support for the South African regime.

But Barclays, which has nearly £10 billion invested in South Africa and Namibia, has so far escaped lightly from the recent wave of public disapproval which has gathered strength in the United States since the killing of 19 black men, women and children at Uitenhage on March 21.

Major US banks, including Citibank, Morgan Guaranty and Manufacturers Hanover have all tested the American climate and decided to refuse further loans to South Africa. But Barclays, which enjoys UK government support for its pro-South African stance, has ignored the investment ban of its US competitors. Last Friday its merchant banking arm played a leading role in raising 200 million German marks for the South African electricity supply commission, Escom.

Barclays claimed last night that it had not yet seen a copy of Elts's "shadow report" which also alleges that the bank has failed to help three of its black Namibian employees who were detained without charge by the South African authorities in January. "We continue to deplore apartheid," said a Barclays spokesman. "But we feel it is best to stay in South Africa to employ constructive engagement."

The Reagan Administration also supports "constructive engagement" in South Africa and Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz will defend the policy again in a major speech in Washington tomorrow.

Bow Group slams plans to scrap wages councils

By David Simpson

The Chancellor's Budget promise to scrap Britain's wages councils has been heavily criticised by a leading Conservative pressure group which has concluded that overall, the councils serve a useful purpose.

Instead, the Bow Group, on the left of the Tory Party, argues in a report published today, that the 26 wages councils *should be overhauled*, rather than abolished, with young people in the 16 to 17 year age bracket not to be controlled by wage councils agreements.

The report, compiled by Mr Tony Baldry, MP for Banbury and chairman of the Bow Group's standing committee on employment, found no real evidence that wages councils blocked job creation, as Mr Lawson alleged in his budget speech.

Instead, he suggests, "wages councils can fairly be described as protecting the weak."

The decision by a wing of its own party to join in the attack on the proposals to abolish wages councils can only further embarrass the government and undermine its determination to scrap the councils.

The decision has already attracted fire from Opposition MPs and trade unionists, and most recently, from the Low Pay Unit which produced a case file to support its claim that without the wages councils, lowly paid workers would have no medium through which to obtain redress against employers.

In the report, the Bow Group found that wages councils fix minimum salary rates for many of the lowest paid workers in the community, particularly those who could be classified as "weak" in terms of the skills they have to offer and in the strength of their bargaining power.

It also concluded that while 16 to 17 year olds under wages councils agreements tended to receive higher proportionate salaries than those in the same age bracket covered by national agreements, there was no hard proof that the abolition of wages councils would lead to the creation of new jobs.

"As to wages councils as a whole, there really is insufficient evidence that their abolition would, in fact, lead to the creation of a sufficiently large number of new jobs so as to make acceptable the loss of the protection they offer at present to those in a weak bargaining position with low pay," Mr Baldry argues.

Micronet offers nationwide screen

By Peter Large,
Technology Correspondent

The beguiling theory that computer information networks will eventually allow individuals and small groups to bypass the media powers and reach mass audiences at low cost has moved a small step nearer reality.

Micronet 800, the service that so far links 15,000 home computer users on British Telecom's Prestel network, is to offer editorial control of pages to its subscribers — at 4p a time.

The offer opens on June 1 — the date on which Micronet's basic subscription charge rises from £8 to £10 a quarter, the first rise since the service opened two years ago. The charge for filling one screenful with "anything within the law" will be 25p for six months, plus 4p for each editing change.

Members can buy up to 26 frames, which will display their material round the clock, and those messages will be signalled in the Micronet index.

The Prestel service itself was in the 1970s the world pioneer of public information networks, linking the home TV set to central computers down the phone line, and thus raising visions of a free flow of information every which way. But the idea did not grab the general public in those days before the home-computer rush, and Prestel's early success has been in the business world.

Therefore, Prestel today has a minimum entry price of £6,000 for its information providers, though pages can be used more cheaply through negotiations with the umbrella firms that organise clutches of Prestel pages for their customers.

Japan and US in tough trade talks

From Alex Brummer
in Washington.

The two largest, richest and arguably most self-centred industrial powers, the United States and Japan, will hold another round of sparring over trade and protectionism in Tokyo today. This follows the weekend talks in Washington between Mr George Shultz and the Japanese foreign minister Mr Shinataro Abe at which the two powers sought to sweep their differences under the carpet ahead of the Bonn Summit next month.

After negotiations at the State Department between Mr Shultz and Mr Abe the Secretary of State said: "We are all threatened by protectionism," an allusion to the building pressure for economic warfare against Japan on Capitol Hill. Mr Shultz warned that protectionism was not a cure "it itself is an illness and can spread like the plague."

The US is anxious that the focus at Bonn should be on a new round of international trade talks *under the auspices* of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and not the strength of the dollar and the American budget deficits. It is seeking to demonstrate that domestic economic policies in Japan, namely its high savings rate and tight fiscal and monetary strings, are as much to blame for the imbalances in the world economy as those in the US economy.

While the US and Japan play out their dispute in the headlines of America's newspapers the other industrial powers who will meet at Bonn have almost become bystanders in the process.

Savings hit the target

By Margaret Dibben,
Money Editor

National Savings made a strong run during the last month of the financial year to come home just the right side of the £3 billion target. This is the fifth year in a row that the department has met its target.

During March, net receipts totalled £290.4 million with a first full month's contribution from the 30th issue fixed interest certificate of £79 million net, but excluding accrued interest. To date, this certificate has taken in £350 million and is still selling at the rate of £30 million a week.

However, the index linked certificate, the granny bond, continues to report a net outflow, improved on the February figure but still £67 million more was repaid than received.

THIS is a corner of an experimental microchip magnified 23,000 times. Its circuitry is 16 times denser than anything in use today.

It has been made by IBM and is claimed to be the first in the world that uses dimensions of half a micron throughout. A micron is a millionth of a metre. Throughout, about 150 of the lines shown here would fit within the width of the average human hiar.

This example is a logic chip. But *IBM have also* made storage chips which, once the technology is developed, should be able to hold 16 mlion bits if information — the contents of more than three standard novels stored in a quarter-inch square.

NEWS IN BRIEF

THERE are increasing signs that carmakers Ford of the US and Italy's Fiat could oon agree on wide-ranging iooperation or even a merger of Fiat with Ford's European operation, European car industry sources said in Bonn yesterday.

A joint commission has been reviewing "all aspects of possible cooperation" for several months, according to Rainer Nistl, chief spokesman for Ford's West German subsidiary, Ford-Werke (AG).

The sources said there were now strong signs that the talks had shifted to the highest management level and that a merger of Ford of Europe and Fiat was being actively considered.

C. H. INDUSTRIALS, the Midlands motor supply group which has launched a £6.2 million bid for Banro industries, claimed last night that statements by Ford and Talbot — alledging its unsuitability to acquire Banro — had been distorted and taken out of context. Statements supporting C. H. Industrials' version of events have apparently been issued by the relevant Ford and Talbot executives.

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Coffee row percolates

COMMODITIES

Robin Stainer

Leading coffee-consuming countries are becoming increasingly unhappy about the operations of the price-stabilisation agreement for the commodity and will take the opportunity of talks in London this week with producers to air their grievances. They will be looking for initiatives to end what they see as anomalies created by the pact that work to their disadvantage.

The consumers' main complaint is the much cheaper prices, at which producers sell to countries — like the Soviet Union and its allies — that are not members of the International Coffee Organisation (ICO). This 75-nation body, to which the US and all Western European and Nordic nations belong, as well as producers accounting for 99 per cent of all exports, regulates supplies through quotas with the aim of keeping the price within a range of $1.20-1.40 a pound.

The average price in this controlled market is currently just over $1.30, yet non-ICO members can buy coffee in the so-called parallel market, where producers sell residual exportable supplies, at less than half this.

Furthermore, sales on the parallel market have been increasing — reaching a record of 10.3 million bags in the 12 months to the end of February — while exports under quota have been lagging well below entitlement. In the first five months of the current 1984-85 coffee year, which began last October, exports to non-members were up nearly 20 per cent, yet shipments under quota were only 80 per cent of the allocation for the period.

Many producers concede that the price differential is unfair and, unless narrowed significantly, could be used as a pretext by consumers for arguing for the dismantling of all quota controls, which would mean the complete deregulation of the market. The ICO is not liked by many European traders, particularly those in West Germany, whose costs have been further pushed up by the strength of the dollar. Government officials, who conduct ICO business, are having to take note of this antipathy.

Leading producers — like Brazil — are keen to head off criticism of their sales policies and will be pressing this week for their side to take effective measures to pacify consumers. Although producer delegates point out that some of the coffee sold so cheaply is often old and of poor quality and that economic necessity forces impoverished and indebted countries to sell their surpluses at whatever price they can get, they acknowledge that it would make commercial and political sense to raise prices to non-members.

Plans to do just this were unveiled by the Latin Americans last year. They have not, however, achieved their goal of lifting prices on the parallel market to at least the bottom end of the ICO-defended range. Other producers — for instance, the Indonesians, who are big sellers to non-members— have not joined the scheme. Latin American officials, who say that the fullest participation is necessary to ensure that it is both fair and successful, admit that the only pressure that can be brought to bear on producers to meet price objectives is moral.

There are obviously enormous difficulties in co-ordinating action when 50 countries are involved. And unless a decisive majority participated in any scheme to narrow price differentials a third — and even cheaper — market could develop for coffee.

Brazil, whose own sales record on the parallel market has not been exemplary, is now attempting to give a lead, however. One of the first acts fo the country's new chief coffee executive, Karlos Rischbieter, was to suspend exports to non-members from the beginning of this month.

Improved monitoring of all sales to non-members so providing greater transparency, could be a start towards cracking down on rising shipments at rock bottom prices, procuder delegates argue.

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Philip Kleinman looks at the success story of the UK's top market researcher

Mind reader with an £80m television act

BUSINESS PEOPLE

THE MOST successful market researcher in Britain started his business life as a magazine publisher — and is one still. He is Bernard Audley, the 60-year-old chairman of AGB Research, the largest enterprise of its kind in Europe and fifth largest in the world. Audley's ambitions for the future are commensurate with his company's rocket-like rise in the past.

AGB, which started trading in 1962 with practically no assets, went public in 1970 and grew, largely by acquisition, to a turnover in 1983-84 of more than £80 millions. It has around 100 subsidiaries in Britain, Continental Europe, America, Australasia and the Far East. In the past six years turnover growth has been faster than even the sanguine Audley predicted.

No wonder AGB was picked by Walter Goldsmith and David Clutterbuck as one of the British commercial success stories celebrated in their book The Winning Streak.

Audley's career began in 1950 when, after war service and Oxford, he joined Hulton Press as a trainee. He rose quickly to be assistant general manager of the magazine-publishing firm with responsibility for, among other things, the Hulton *Readership Survey. He was* also involved in the firm's initial moves to get into television. It was against Audley's advice that Hulton dropped out of both readership research and membership of a consortium bidding for one of the new ITV franchises.

In 1957 he moved to the Attwood research agency to help run its TAM (Television Audience Measurement) subsidiary. Four years later Audley and three fellow directors of TAM fell out with the autocratic Bedford Attwood and left to set up their own company. The three others were Dick Gapper, Douglas Brown and Martin Maddan, who was also a Conservative MP.

Of the founding partners Gapper and Maddan are both dead, and Brown is semi-retired. Audley's authority within the company is now unchallenged, but in any case he has always been, from the business point of view, its *driving force. The affable* and self-assured Audley has an engaging habit of speaking about AGB's activities in the first person singular. The foundations of success were laid in that first year when Audley and Brown invented the Television Consumer Audit to monitor consumer purchases of packaged groceries according to ITV regions.

The TCA, which uses a panel of 7,000 households and issues monthly reports to about 100 clients, was the first of the large-scale, continuous, syndicated surveys with which AGB has made both its fortune and its reputation. In market *research it is in operations* like the TCA or the continuous measurement of TV audiences, another AGB speciality, that the real money is earned.

It must have been a sweet moment for Audley and his partners when they first won the TV audience contract in 1968 from their former *employer, Attwood. AGB has* beaten off all challenges in that field ever since. Its present contract with BARB (Broadcasters' Audience Research Board, representing both the BBC and ITV), under which it continuously measures the viewing of 3,000 metered homes, runs until 1991.

An even sweeter *moment*, no doubt, came in 1979 when AGB took over Attwood Statistics altogether, not long after Audley had bought the rump of the other company which had previously employed him, Hulton Press. Its consumer magazines had been sold long before to Odhams, but AGB got the trade and technical papers which include titles like Process Equipment News. It also bought the remains of Mercury House, another once prominent *magazine-publishing* house.

Audley sees no great difference between the business of distributing controlled circulation *magazines to specially* interested people and doing the same thing with research data, even though the revenue codes [illegible] AGB, from advertising, in the other from *subscriptions. Audley is* at one with other leading market researchers in seeing their future as bound up with that of the information industry as a whole.

This is because of the ever-increasing computerisation of research. It is in that context that one must see recent developments like the merger *between Dun & Bradstreet* and A. C. Nielsen, the world's largest market research company.

There has been some recent speculation about the possibility of AGB's becoming a takeover target itself. Rumours that Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency group, had been talk*ing merger with AGB were* fairly convincingly denied, though Charles Saatchi said wistfully that AGB would be a nice business to have.

Behind such rumours were two facts: First Audley, though indisputably the boss, owns only a thirtieth of AGB's stock, and all the directors together have less than 5 per *cent; and second, results for* the first half of AGB's financial year (which ends this month) disappointed the City's high expectations.

In 1983-84 pre-tax profit rose by 30 per cent to nearly £8 millions. In the first six months of 1984-85 profit, at £3,500,000, was up by less than £500,000 on the corresponding period of the previous year. The slowdown in profits growth is mainly attributable to heavy investment in new technology and *new services and is expected* to be reversed next year, when the group is hoping for increased returns from its overseas operations, which now account for more than 50 per cent of turnover.

The most ambitious of such operations is currently taking [illegible] where AGB, which entered the American *market by acquisition three* years ago, is taking on the giants of TV audience research, Nielsen and Arbitron, and aiming to beat them, a test study of several hundred households in the Boston area is using People-Meters to record electronically information.

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Another area where AGB is hoping for great things is the Far East, where a few years ago it acquired the Survey Research Group, which operates in eight Asian countries. The Hong Kong arm of the *organisation has been negotiating* with Chinese officials about the possibility of extending its activities into mainland China.

This may appear ironic in view of Audley's own strongly held Tory political beliefs. When the Conservative Party was in opposition Sir Geoffrey Howe had a seat on the AGB board. He was succeeded as a non-executive director by Sir John Hoskyns, former adviser to Mrs Thatcher and now director-general of the Institute of Directors.

Philip Kleinman is the author of Market Research: Head-Counting Becomes Big Business, published this week by Comedia at £15 and available from the publishers, 9 Poland Street, London, W1V 3DG.

Bernard Audley — No. 1 in Europe. Picture by Kenneth Saunders

Here we go again. Mrs Thatcher sees a new realism in the union camp. But David Basnett detects insurrection. John Torode watches Government and unions retreat to entrenched positions as miners, postmen, civil servants, and teachers are "seen off" by a resolute Prime Minister

Banging on about Britain

WORKING BRIEF

"HERE WE GO, here we go, here we go," in the words of the song which so misleadingly boosted morale during the miners' strike. Now it can be *applied to the quite astonishing series of union bashing* speeches the Prime Minister delivered to business audiences in assorted havens of ballot box rule around the Far East.

"Banging the drum for Britain" is the way Mrs Thatcher described her attacks on Scargillism. "Mind-boggling" was the phrase which sprang to the mind of David Basnett, chairman of the TUC's economic committee.

*There has long been a con*vention that public figures do not go abroad and then run the country down. On occasion this convention is breached. Mr Scargill made a right wally of himself in Moscow a couple of years back with sexist sneers about the Iron Lady and President Raygun (geddit?). The "foreign secretary" of the TGWU, Alex Kitson, had a few years earlier publicly rejoiced, upon arrival in the USSR, about entering the home of *socialism and free trade* unionism.

The Prime Minister can claim that she was talking the country up rather than running it down. Britain is no longer the sick man of Europe. We are tackling our fundamental problems . . . Determined to succeed . . . and so forth. Nothing wrong with any of that. Except, that some might feel Mrs Thatcher is flying in the face of reality (four million unemployed, an unprecedented trade deficit in manufactured goods). Neil Kinnock or David Owen would have had problems putting their mouths around such optimistic stuff.

Mrs Thatcher even presented the miners' strike as a sign of strength. The economy had withstood its strongest challenge since the end of the second world war. "During that strike, designed to bring the country to its knees, industrial production actually increased," she said.

The country owed a great debt of gratitude to those miners who had worked on in spite of cruel intimidation. "I hope and believe that the lesson will not be lost on others," the Prime Minister added.

There was plenty more in this vein. The attitude of working miners — and the lack of support from other unions were great achievements, as was the new leadership of moderate trade *unions. Most important was* the fact that "at first a minority and then eventually a majority of miners showed they were not prepared to follow the instructions of militant trade union leaders, especially when those leaders refused to hold a national ballot."

Underlining our national unity and sense of common purpose?

Mrs Thatcher's conclusion, as delivered at a press conference in Malaysia? "I am not going to have British *chances of trade, which are* good, ruined by an undeserved reputation for bad industrial relations," she told the assembled hacks. "There are very few difficulties in the private sector."

Set aside the appropriateness of the venues selected for these homilies and the question of whether they might not be a trifle well, counter-productive. Was the effect of all this banging on about having seen off the enemy within (after the longest, most bitter and most violent strike in our history and at the cost of the Government's lead in the opinion polls) to underline our *national unity, stability and* sense of common purpose? Or might it rather have underlined international fears of "the fire next time", to recycle a phrase from the American ghettoes a quarter of a century back?

Those revolutionary fears are current even in Britain. The mind-boggled Mr Basnett's contribution was to argue that, with the unions denied political influence, and management on the offensive with due encouragement from the government, unions will seek what the leader of our third biggest union ominously describes as *"other means" to assert* their members' interests.

The retiring chief of the General, Municipal and Boilermakers' Union went on: *"Before the last election I* made a speech on these lines talking of insurrectionary trade unions. I made it clear that I did not favour this road, but that it existed."

Mr Basnett's conclusion was: "If managements are encouraged to confront trade unions, and if trade unions are barred from political influence, then it is inevitable that disputes of this character will continue to occur and the blame for this political development can only lie with the government."

To which the short answer must surely be another chorus of "Here we go." Mr Basnett followed the example of the Prime Minister and was out there beating his tired old drum as firmly as Mrs Thatcher had beaten hers.

Mr Basnett did indeed talk of insurrectionary unionism before the last election and he came precious close to calling Mrs Thatcher a fascist too. Much good did such empty but vaguely threatening platitudes do the Labour movement at the ballot box in 1983.

In much the same way, the miners' strike, as a protest over job losses, the destruction of communities and the Thatcherite style, won considerable support. But the *strike as often presented in* the early days by Mr Scargill — a quasi-revolutionary act, designed to bring about the downfall of this government — invoked a large collective raspberry from the overwhelming mass of trade union members, including Mr Basnett's.

Yet, *shorn of the rhetoric*, Mr Basnett was partly right. The lesson of coal is that it is still possible to conduct long, bitter, fearfully costly, "polit*ically motivated" public* sector disputes. They will be fought upon the backs of a minority of union activists and the fivers of a mass of *liberal minded, middle class* sympathisers. They will not be "insurrectionary" in that they will not be seriously designed to bring down the government. They will be negative and destructive gestures of despair from people who know they are going to lose but who do not know what else to do.

An understandable inclination to keep heads down and noses clean

None of which is to say that all big, public sector set pieces will be fought through. Confronted by economic reality, privatisation and a cool management, the post office union backed off. So did civil servants, exorcised by the *ballot box. Railway workers*, on the other hand, played to a draw. They persuaded British Rail to give ground. They got their "going rate" settlement and, yet again, BR abandoned any attempt to enforce productivity concessions negotiated and paid for years ago. Meanwhile, teachers bash on as if they had *never heard of the decline* and fall of the Scargill empire.

Mrs Thatcher too was right in part. There are relatively few difficulties in the private sector just now. But that is a measure of two things, a result of two distinct features. With four million *unemployed and bankruptcies* at a record level there is an understandable inclination to keep your heads down and your noses clean. On the other hand, wage settlements in the private sector are running at twice the level of those in public service. They are approximately one third above the rate of inflation. So an uneasy mix of fear of the dole queue and bulging pay packets is keeping manufacturing industry in order. There can be precious little *stability and little satisfaction* for the Prime Minister or for Brother Basnett in such a situation.

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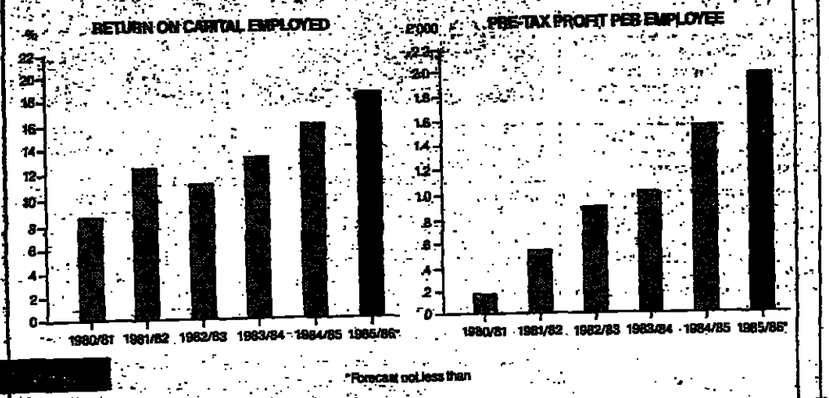

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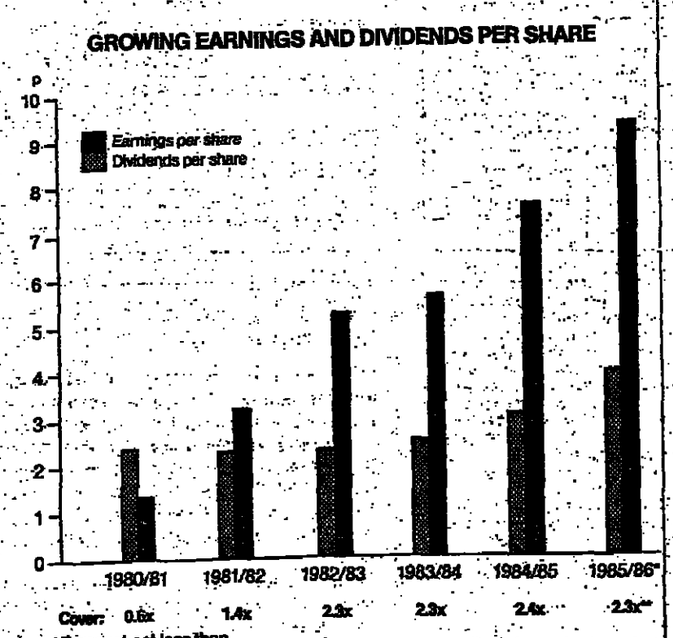

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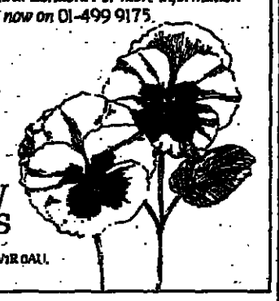

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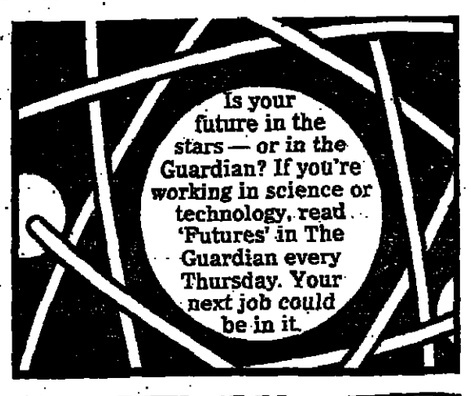

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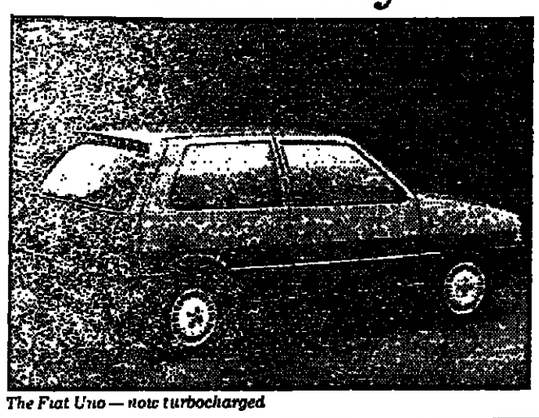

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Want a cheap, simple car? But even the 2CV costs about £3,000

The only attempt to saturate the market among what used to be called the working classes and woo them away from the motorcycle and sidecar was made between the wars by Ford, Austin, and Morris, when a new car could be bought for £100. Yet if the motorcar could be sold in Russia, China, and Africa on a basic scale we could multiply present sales figures by perhaps 1,000.

So why does nobody bother? You might say that if my thesis is correct and The People want a cheap, simple car why does not the Citroen 2CV, a pre-war design still on the market, sell in millions? Quite simply because it is too expensive at approaching £3,000, although it has all the other virtues, apart from brakes which are expensive to maintain, or were before very recent modifications.

General Motors announced a project to produce a simple, basic pickup-type vehicle in Third World countries, and presumably this is going ahead, although they don't tell us anything about its progress. Apart from this, Peugeot-Talbot sell the old Avenger in kit form to Iran when they are not at war with their neighbours, but this again is a relatively expensive machine.

Then again, Fiat and Renault have sold car factories to Russia where private cars must be slowly infiltrating, and the British Reliant company is producing cars in Turkey, Greece, and Israel, but in small numbers. Reliant incidentally produced a four-wheel car, the Kitten, which I thought would sell in large numbers with its simple Austin Seven type engine, but it did not take off. Their three-wheel cars have always had a limited but loyal public, but the Kitten, an example of which I ran myself for some time, never hit the jackpot. Perhaps it was again too dear.

I think the answer to all these questions lies in politics rather than economics, or perhaps a combination of the two. The motor manufacturers need a steady market for their second-hand cars so that those who are selling them can buy new ones, so perhaps they see the second-hand (or tenth hand) car as the solution to the poor man's motoring, which enables them to forget all about making the poor man's car and get on with making profits on more expensive models. There is not much under £4,000 new in this country nowadays, and this is way above the budget of marginal motorists.

In country districts one can still buy a "good runner" for £50, but this is not much use when it costs £200 to tax and insure the thing for the road, even assuming that no repairs are needed. Incidentally, the Mot test certificate can be had for much less than the £10 which ment sets the price at in country areas where it is hard for the garage man to make a living.

The French have an excellent idea in cutting the cost of the equivalent of the road fund licence as the car gets older, until in the end it is free of tax altogether. I think it is an idea we should copy, but in this country the old car clubs, many of whose members are millionaire "classic car" dealers, who race against each other for fun, are opposed to this on the grounds that it might bring limitations on use, to so many outings a year. But £100 to these people is the price of a good lunch or a box of big cigars, not the king's ransom that it is to the marginal motorist.

No government so far has thought of offering a free road tax to old age pensioners, which seems a sound idea. Finding the cost of a tank of petrol at £20 or so is bad enough, but finding £100 for the annual licence is a real headache. I thought the chief of the Automobile Association had a damn cheek to say, without a poll of its members, that the AA did not want the Road Fund licence abolished. I'll bet that 99 per cent of his members would love to see it abolished.

The diesel car does not offer a solution to the marginal motorist because (a) the oil companies have now hiked the price up to much the same as that of petrol, and (b) the cars are all too expensive for the poor driver, and no one has thought of producing a basic diesel car. They are all very much upmarket.

The only exception is the Land-Rover, but this commands an exhorbitant amount of money even when 20 years old, and I am told the diesel examples can suffer from cylinder-head problems. The hard-up car buyer now has a recent hazard to meet, and that is finding the window in the market between newish cars which are too expensive and old cars which have become vintage, or veteran, or classic and are also too expensive as toys for the rich.

He must probably look for a car aged about 10, which is too young to be valuable but might still provide good transport with cheap spares. But if his car is 20 years old it may be classic and therefore expensive. It is a curious dilemma. In my youth spares came from the breakers' yard, but these tended to disappear with planning and new building and everyone owning new cars, but they seem to have made a comeback as vehicle dismantlers and are nowadays respectable and much dearer as a source of spares.

The Ford Motor Company has been in trouble for overpricing its spares and forbidding other people to make what we used to call "pattern spares," which were unauthorised copies of the makers' parts, but much cheaper. At one time they had a dubious reputation, and recently Fiat had a problem with bogus spares bearing their name, but Quinton Hazell who were once not thought respectable as makers of pattern spares, made it all thoroughly kosher, and now all the makers produce each other's spares. Ford's defence is that they invest a lot of money in designing the parts and are therefore entitled to keep their patents and shut out other people, but this is no longer acceptable under modern law.

Organising cheap motoring is a hard row to hoe, but Beetles are still being made in Brazil and Morris Minors being revitalised in Bath. If you drive one of these vehicles today, though, they do seem somewhat lacking. The argument of the motormakers in the past when they catalogued a cheap model without heater or carpets and so on (which one could never buy) was that the customers didn't want it, although what really happened was that the salesman sold all the "extras" so the basic model was never produced.

That has all long gone by the board as even basic models have all mod cons because of Japanese competition, EEC laws, and market

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forces, and one can hardly imagine a person buying a car with no heater, carpets, or windscreen wiper for the passenger (this used to be an extra).

Does anyone now set out with the thought that they might not complete their journey because of breakdown? Unlikely, I would think, although very large numbers do in fact break down, usually due to lack of maintenance.

But then if you are a marginal motorist with no pennies to spare there is not always much choice in these matters. I once put this point of view to a well-to-do friend who said, "But as a professional man I must keep my appointments," and in order to do so he was prepared to put up with taking his car 50 or more miles to the service station each and every time. It never occurred to him to do anything else. That's how the other half lives.

ATHLETICS

Stephen Bierley switched on to coverage, ITV-style

A show set for long run

JUST after the exciting news that next Saturday's tag wrestling would feature none other than Skull Murphy, ITV lauched its exclusive coverage of athletics in Britain. Not in an Olympic stadium, mind you, or some far-flung international track, but at good old Battersea Park. This was the Rank Xerox AAA 10-kilometre road race and, as Dickie Davies would have it, "an important event."

Over on BBC the Hurricane had snuggled away his first red: down at the fun park Eamonn Martin's face was turning the colour of a fire engine as he battled against an April gale. And it was not just Martin who was in trouble. The cameraman tracking the runners from the back of a lorry appeared to be suffering a terminal case of delirium tremens, while the helicopter, after one merciful brief aerial shot, went AWOL.

John Davies, ITV's new director of athletic programmes, who spent much of last year Torvill and Deaning around the world, has found a real sport. But the lads in the commentary seats, confronted with twitching pictures, kept rock steady.

Alan Parry had discovered a Jimmy Hill and a Coleman in the starting line-up, and announced with glee: "We won't mention them again unless they win." They didn't. The race was on, even though by the time ITV showed it the event had been over for some time. Still, mustn't fond up the wrestling with a live event.

Parry jogged along with the leading bunch, relaying a nice blend of information and instruction, though one sudden shot of lower limbs — "an interesting view of their leg speed," said Parry — did little more than get in a nice plug for several shoe manufacturers.

Alongside Parry, Ron Hill, just back from his 90th marathon in Trinidad, and statistician Peter Matthews struck a good combination. Matthews's interpretation of times was brief and relevant, while Hill had the good sense to point out that in such windy conditions this was "a race, a competition, not a time trial." It was gratifying not to be heaped with hype.

And the man of the day — "ITV's first domestic winner," Jim Rosenthal pointed out, just in case you might have missed it — was 23-year-old Jack Buckner, of Charnwood AC. Buckner, a 1,500 metres man, has been training in the US, and flicked away from Steve Jones and Dave Lewis in the final few hundred yards to win in 28min 15sec. Buckner was kept hanging around in shivering wind for 15 minutes waiting for his interview, but nevertheless remained perky enough.

The final act of ITV's day was the presentation to Mike McLeod of his long-awaited Olympic 10,000 metres silver medal.

W. J. Weatherby in New York on the world middleweight championship

Hearns aims to ring Hagler division bell

BOXING

THE HAGLER-HEARNS fight in Las Vegas tonight has created such extraordinary excitement that record American crowds are expected to watch it on closed circuit TV, and both fighters will share over 12 million dollars.

The reason for all the excitement is made clear by the even betting: the professional gamblers see no real favourite. For once, a championship fight is between equals with the result uncertain. Even boxing experts are evenly divided.

Veteran trainer Eddie Futch, for example, who works with heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, picks Thomas Hearns. So does Michael Spinks, the undisputed light-hevyweight champion, who may fight the winner. Harold Weston Jnr., matchmaker for New York's Madison Square Garden, chooses Marvelous Marvin Hagler, and so does Roberto Duran, who lost to both fighters.

There is also disagreement as to how the fight will be won. The Hearns fanciers see either a very quick knock-out or a win on points. The Hagler selectors see him wearing Hearns down in the later rounds.

Hearns is six feet two inches whereas Hagler is only five feet nine ins. At a verbal sparring session on Friday for a final publicity boost, Hearns called Hagler a "midget," and Hagler retaliated by describing Hearns as a "freak" who should be playing basketball.

Both men claim to dislike each other intensely and predict knock-outs, but as both say they want to be Hollywood actors when they retire from boxing, this may just be a demonstration of their acting ability for the sake of the box office as well as psyching each other out.

The real imponderables of this contest for the middleweight crown lie in two questions that only the fight itself will answer. Has Hearns, a superb welterweight, become a fully grown middleweight? And is Hagler as good as his unbeaten record as champion suggests?

Hagler selectors make much of Hearns's defeat by Sugar Ray Leonard in 1981, pointing out that Hagler punches harder than Leonard, but Hearns was ahead on points when the referee stopped that fight, was still on his feet, and insisted he could continue. He proved he could take punishment and has a great champion's will to win. Deprived of a rematch by Leonard's retirement, he believes a convincing win over Hagler will wipe out the memory of that bitter, solitary defeat.

DURAN : Picks Hagler

Hagler is a southpaw which could upset Hearns. He has only once fought a southpaw, but has been training with Steve McCrory, a southpaw expert. One worry is Hearns's right, his knock-out hand. He broke it on Wilfredo Benitez's head and Hagler's shaved head is a real danger. But many of the Hearns fans see the "hit man" not knocking out Marvellous Marvin, but out-boxing him over 12 rounds. It is easy to overlook Hearns' ring skill and hand speed in his record of quick knock-outs.

It comes down to a fight between a naturaly stronger and more experienced man who has never been beaten as champion, and a brilliant, hard punching boxer who considers he has been reborn since the Leonard defeat. We know what Hagler at 30 can do against middleweights, but we are not sure what Hearns at 27 is capable of until this fight.

Benjamin Raphael at Crystal Palace

Adams keeps tight hold on Open title

JUDO

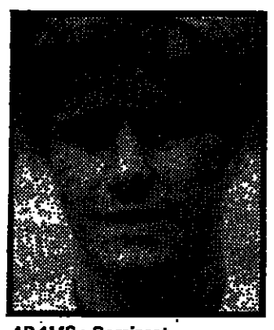
Neil Adams was never flustered in winning his eighth title at the TSB British Open Championships at Crystal Palace on Saturday. Consistently careful and occasionally inspired, Adams showed why he remains favourite to retain his European light-middleweight title next month. A fortnight ago he defeated Frank Wieneke, the West German who had upset him in the LA Games final, and clearly has the ability to continue his run of success.

His most stubborn opponent on Saturday was predictably Martin McSorley, a world junior silver medallist, whom Adams met in the semi-final. McSorley might have fought with more determination, and seemed content to lose on a decision. Although neither fighter scored a knock-down, Adams dominated the tempo and unquestionably deserved the decision.

In the final, Per Kjellin of Sweden was obstructed for the first three minutes, but then Adams lured him to the mat, and as the pair rolled on top of each other, Adams got a decisive grip and held down his opponent for the necessary 30 seconds.

Britain's other two Olympic medallists — lightweight Kerrith Brown and bantamweight Neil Eckersley — enjoyed varying fortunes. Brown looked so splendidly versatile that the former British team manager, Tony McConnell, was offering £10 bets that Brown will become world champion. In the final he secured a submission from Didier Brenard of Belgium with a skilfully-nasty arm lock.

Eckersley only resumed training in January after breaking his foot in the European junior championships. Nevertheless, he has shown good form this year, winning the Belgian Open and taking second place in the West German Open. But in Saturday's final he was knocked down with a fluent left-shoulder throw by Fred Bradley of Yorkshire, and never succeeded in recovering the deficit.



ADAMS : Dominant

SWIMMING

Brian Crowther

Britain by a long way

British swimmers had a gentle introduction to the long-course season when they defeated Sweden by 220 points to 140 in the Yorkshire Bank International at Blackpool on Saturday, finishing first in 24 of the 30 events.

Such one-sided matches [illegible] able new internationals [illegible] them on this occasion. [illegible] brought in under ideal conditions, and Britain's first [illegible] swimming captain [illegible] Brew, made the most of the opportunity to build [illegible] spirit.

The National Swimming Federation, also have a duty to provide testing opponents [illegible] other occasions, particularly in a European championship season, but this they have failed to do, which is why some British swimmers are going to Montreal next weekend in search of competitive reality [illegible] the Canada Cup meeting.

One of those making the trip is Adrian Moorhouse of Leeds, who completed a breaststroke double on Saturday. He produced an impressive finish in the 200 metres, snatching the race from his club-mate Murray Buswell, who finished [illegible] 500th of a second behind him in 3min 20.86sec. These were among the 10-performances producing qualifying times for Britain's European Championship team.

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Lidhame could be in 2,000 Guineas line-up

RACING

Richard Baerlein

The victory of Hamdam Al Maktoum's *Lidhame* in the Salisbury 2,000 Guineas Trial on Saturday, when he withheld the strong challenge of the heavily backed Irish trained Miami Count by half a length, set John Dunlop off on what could be a record breaking season for him and his Arab patrons.

Dunlop considered Lidhame to be his best two-year-old last Spring. The colt could not quite get his head in front and finished second and third in his two outings, the last of them at the end of June. Then he developed a liver complaint and after recovering, the ground became firm and the trainer decided to put him away for the season. For a horse with such a good action he went through the Salisbury mud with remarkable ease.

His sire, Nureyev, won the 1984 Guineas almost unchallenged but was disqualified because the stewards refused to revise the badly worded Rule 58. This does not affect the son of Northern Dancer's outstanding qualifications as a sire and Lidhame, with Great Nephew as the sire of his dam and a cheap yearling at 80,000 guineas, is likely to go places over longer distances.

Dunlop may decide to run him in the 2,000 Guineas depending on how his unbeaten three performs at Newbury.

Hills offer 25-1 but Corals give him a 14-1 quote. Christian Schad ran a disappointing third, 12 lengths behind Miami Count, while Primo Dominie badly failed to act.

Paul Cole's Addenbrooke fell with a broken pelvis and was later destroyed, causing a prolonged stewards inquiry. It was over an hour after the last race before the finding was announced and the film of the incident could be shown.

The stewards decided that the fall was an accident due to bumping and attached no blame to anyone. This infuriated Cole who had lost in Addenbrooke a useful young player. He blamed the position of the rails, which go sharply left, with the low drawn horses hugging the rails.

Cole said, "The rails then go right again after half a furlong to the extent of at least 10ft. This forced Native Skier, drawn two, into the path of Lester Piggott, who had kept a straight course on Christian Schad. Native Skier swerved and nearly came down himself but he survived the brushoff, leaving Addenbrooke squeezed between the two and he fell."

Lester Piggott said, "I do not remember the course being like this before. It is dangerous and jockeys should have been warned about it."

Other riders agreed and Walter Swinburn, drawn one on Dafayana in the 1,000 Guinea Trial, explained that it caused him to lose ground in the early stages leaving him to go through a wall of horses before he could find a clear run.

He said he thought he had no chance at the distance but he got up in the final stride to beat the powerful looking Devon Defender who was handling the ground perfectly.

Cole blamed the Clerk of the Course, Michael Meredith, saying that the horses should all have been able to run on a straight line on leaving the stalls. When it was all over Meredith issued a statement saying that in future the rails will be so placed that all the horses race in a straight line.

For Cole it was a case of closing the door after the horse had bolted and he got no consolation from that statement. Piggott, who had a disappointing first day of the season on the English turf, was in a particularly voluble mood. He said he will not announce any future plans until after the Derby.

A very experienced professional visiting the Curragh on Saturday expressed complete amazement on two counts, firstly that they decided to race at all and secondly that Vincent O'Brien allowed Gold Crest to run. The rain had been so continuous during the week that on Friday the Curragh gallops were closed for the first time in seventeen years and driving rain greeted the Saturday visitors.

Switching Gold Crest a week forward from his intended engagement next Saturday may prove to be yet another masterly move for which O'Brien has become so justly famous. He has now got the necessary race into his colt, giving him an additional week in which to get over it, before the General Accident 2,000 Guineas on May 4.

Nevertheless, it is always disappointing to find a short priced Guineas favourite beaten even by a short head when starting at 2-7 in his preliminary. It immediately raises doubts about the wisdom of supporting him further for the Guineas.

Mick O'Toole, rapidly emerging after two years in comparative obscurity, was pleasantly surprised that racing took place and that his 33-1 chance, Caparison, was good enough to beat the favourite, having taken 10-1 about him without Gold Crest.

His charge was ridden to make sure of landing that bet, whereas Pat Eddery did not punish the 2,000 Guineas favourite in such appalling conditions.

Bookmakers reaction was strictly limited, Hills offering 100-30 from 5-2, while Kinghorns were best at 7-2.

The whole 2,000 Guineas betting could be turned upside down after tomorrow's Craven Stakes at Newmarket. The one time Derby favourite, *Lanfranco, is an intended runner*, and was well backed for the Guineas from 14-1 to 12-1 top with Ladbrokes over the weekend.

Shadeed, the 7-1 second favourite for the Guineas is also due to run, as are Dick Hearn's Local Suitor, Damistere from in-form Jeremy Tree's stable and Red Rocks, a Grundy colt trained by Geoff Wragg. This promises to be a real trial.

Wragg ended up winning at Salisbury with a useful staying filly in the classically bred Goody Blake, a daughter of Blakeney. She carried the colours made famous by the 1925 Derby victory of Manna, who, ridden by Steve Donoghue, won by eight lengths, a record distance until Shergar came along.

...onal Manning drives blinkered Caparison through torrential rain to beat 2,000 Guineas favourite ...old Crest in the Gladness Stakes at the Curragh on Saturday.

...arsula can take her revenge

...itness will be at a premium ...r afternoon at Wolverhamp... where the going will be ...ly testing. JARSULA (5) from the in-form stable ...Walter Wharton will not be ...t of well being having run ...e.

...irst time out she was ...ten four lengths by a fitter ...v, who runs again on 2lb ...er terms, and last time out ...e was third to Manhattan ...and Hi-Tech Girl in heavy ...g at Nottingham over ten furlongs, which seemed a bit too far for her.

When she went under to Kiev she looked far from ready and it is significant that the trainer is willing to take on the Hollinshead colt again on worse terms. This mile trip will suit her and I think she is worth the nap.

Next best is ROBIS (2.0) in the Carberry Maiden Auction Stakes at Edinburgh. She did not mind the testing conditions when going under by only a short head to Si-La-Gay at Leicester.

At Folkestone I make ST CROINS CASTLE (1.45) the outstanding bet. She is bred to go fast and this she showed first time out at Haydock, beating Ole Flo by five lengths giving 3lb. The latter has scored since and Matt McCormick's filly is taken to beat Calixtus, who ran second to dual winner Jeldaire at Doncaster.

HARRY HEYMER

FOLKESTONE

1 45 St Croins Castle
2 15 Paramount
2 45 Glenhawk
3 15 Doulab
3 45 Hieronymous
4 15 Young Angel

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers last race 5/6f. * DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Heavy

1 45—CHATHAM STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f; £884 (8 runners).

1 (1) 1 JOCIST (D) (J. Virgo) P. Williams 9-2 .....
2 (2) 1 ST CROINS CASTLE (D) (M. Bailey) M. McCormack 8-13 R. Cochrane
4 (4) 2 CALIXTUS (BF) (K. Bethell) R. Hern 8-11 ..... M. Miller
6 (6) 2 GREEN DOLLAR (Orion Cobby Ltd) B. Cobby 8-11 R. Wintworth (3)
7 (5) 0 KING OF THE SEA (D. Adams) R. Hobbs 8-11 ..... A. Murray
8 (3) 3 ME AND MY SHADOW (T. Wood) D. Shaw 8-11 ..... G. Bailey
1984: Opera Cloak 8-13 J. Reid 11-8 fav. E. Swift 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 6-4 St Croins Castle, 11-4 Jocist, 4 Calixtus, 11-2 King of the Sea, 8 Green Dollar, 7 Me and My Shadow.
TOP FORM TIPS: St Croins Castle 8, Jocist 7, Calixtus 6.

2 15—GILLINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP: 11m: £788. (15 runners).

3 (5) 000000- SEQUANTIE QUEEN (Mrs V. Ward) W. Musson 4-9-7 R. Unbehe (7)
5 (8) 03200- TENDER LOVE (Mrs L. Jackson) A. Jackson 4-9-4 ... A. Cawthorn (7)
10 (13) 040303- 1 APPEAL (D. Tucker) D. Tucker 4-9-2 ..... L. Jones (7)
11 (6) 004- MARMARONE (J. Rogers) A. Jarvis 4-9-0 ..... T. Rogers
12 (7) 004000- FLOCKSMAN's (N. Mac) G. Gracey 4-8-12 ..... G. Dickie (5)
13 (4) 00030-0 VARANBOUT (C. Williams) C. Williams 4-8-12 ..... R. Morris (7)
18 (3) 0000/00 CAN'T SWIM ★ (D. Weatherd) R. Hoare 4-8-8 ..... D. Bailey
20 (2) 20000-4 FREEDIE (C) (M. Haynes) M. Haynes 5-8-7 ..... K. Bishop (7)
22 (15) 04200- FULL HOUSE (P. Harris) R. Hoare 5-8-7 ..... P. Cook
23 (11) 000/00- CALL UP ★ (Mrs J. Bailey) A. Bailey 5-8-7 ..... D. Murray (7)
24 (14) 0000-0 PAT ON THE BACK (G. Blum) G. Blum 5-8-7 ..... M. Thomas
25 (1) 000- EAGLE WING (M. Pope) H. Hunter 5-8-5 ..... S. Cauthy (7)
27 (10) 000000- MAN ★ (C. Coleman) P. Butler 3-7-12 ..... S. Whitworth (3)
28 (9) 00000- NEW WELLINGTON ★ (D. Read) M. Ryan 3-7-9 ..... M. Fenton
29 (12) 0000- SILLY QUESTION (Mrs W. O'Neill) R. Head 3-7-7 C. Rutter (5)
1984: Wonclare Trophy 5-9-7 G. Starkey, 7-2 fav. A. Pitt. 15 ran.
Betting forecast: 7-2 Paramount, 9-2 Frieslie, New Wellington, 11-2 Marmaro...
Full Brigade, 8 1 Appeal, 12 Flocksman's, 14 Sequantie Queen.
TOP FORM TIPS: Marmaro 8, Paramount 7, 1 Appeal 6.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS
Nap: CALIXTUS (1.45 Folkestone)
Next best: JANUS (2.45 Folkestone)

2 45 — SALTWOOD HANDICAP: 1½m: £1,145. (10 runners).

8 (8) 00300-0 WIND (T. Mills) D. Mills 8-9-7 ..... G. Landon (7)
4 (6) 21/0/0- JANUS (C/D) (K. Dible) Mrs N. Smith 7-9-7 ..... P. Cook
7 (3) 000-030 GLENHAWK (C) (D) (Express Newspapers) M. Ryan 5-9-2 P. Bloomfield
9 (1) 023040- HERVEUS CAMERA (T. Beaumont) A. Bailey 4-9-2 ..... doubtful
10 (9) 2000-00- TYRRHENETIC (J. Lloyd) D. R. Tucker 4-9-13 ... Guy Kelleway (5)
11 (7) 2/0001- TIMOSH (D) (K. Jesse) N. Gaselee 5-9-13 ..... A. Murray
13 (10) 000020- SOUTHERN DYNASTY (M. Keslick) F. Mitchell 4-9-13 ..... R. Mullen
14 (4) 00-4 MESANNA OF TENFIELD (Mrs G. Dunlop) A. Dunlop 4-8-11 .....
16 (2) 1000/0- BALBOXY (R. Smith) P. Haynes 7-8-8 ..... R. Hoare
17 (5) 0/2001-3 SHAFANISA (Sultanzadeh Stud) Mrs J. Sinclair 6-8-2 ..... R. Smith
23 (2) 00000-4 RUFORIA ★ (T. Wood) D. Shaw 4-7-8 ..... D. Bailey
1984: Jamerick, 4-10-0, G. Starkey, 5-2 jt-fav, G. Harwood, 13 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 Glenhawk, 7-2 Timosh, 4 Janus, 6 Hieronymous, 8 Wind, 10 Southern Dynasty, 12 Ruforia.
TOP FORM TIPS: Timosh 8, Glenhawk 7, Hieronymous 6.

3 15—PRIVY COUNCIL STAKES: 3-Y-O; £1,889 (3 runners).

8 (1) 153221- DOULAB (D) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-3 ... A. Murray
6 (3) 222110- STAR VIDEO (D) (W. Kent) M. McCormack 9-3 ..... R. Cochrane
9 (4) 4000- DOUBLE LAD (Mrs P. Brown) M. Blanshard 8-12 ..... doubtful
12 (2) 200000- SPECIALLY VAGUE ★ (Mrs C. Drew) A. Hobbs 8-6 ..... T. Rogers
1984: Petorius, 9-3, W. R. Swinburn, 4-9 fav, M. Stoute, 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 8-13 Doulab, 13-8 Star Video, 8 Specially Vague.
TOP FORM TIPS: Doulab 10, Star Video 8.

3 45—GRAVESEND HANDICAP: 1m 7f 100yds: £1,150 (14 runners).

3 (15) 000420- HONEST HINT (P. Cecil) P. Haynes 4-9-9 ..... R. Hoare
6 (2) 003300- CARAMB (B Wheatley) M. Pipe 4-9-3 .....
9 (5) 24/000- AZARA (D. R. Tucker) D. R. Tucker 5-9-0 ..... J. Williams
10 (8) 30/000- CHEEKY RUPERT (C/D) (Miss P. Rudford) E. Eldin 5-9-0 .....
11 (3) 00042-2 HIGHGROVEGIRL (W. Crowley) M. Pipe 4-9-0 .....
13 (7) 100000- CHERRY BOMBS (C/D) (G. Johnson) S. Norton 4-8-13 ..... D. Bailey
14 (11) 42000/1 SHINY COPPER (78 gr) (D. Tyler) Mrs N. Smith 7-8-13 R. Bryan (7)
15 (9) 40000- LUCKLIFFE (T. Ramsden) M. Ryan 4-8-8 ..... G. Bardwell (7)
16 (12) 040030- RAGNIDA (D. Myers) M. Haynes 4-8-8 ..... R. Cochrane
17 (1) 52134- GOING BROKE (J. O'Neill) D. Murray Smith 5-8-6 ... W. R. Swinburn
18 (14) 00000-4 WHAT A POPPI (V. M. Lawson) M. Haynes 4-8-7 ..... P. Cook
19 (6) 000-033 TOMOGRAN ★ (D. Secse) D. Secse 6-8-5 ..... T. Ives
22 (10) 4030/0- NORTH WEST (C/D) (F. Hill) A. Moore 10-7-11 ..... M. Thomas
24 (4) 000000/ WAR AND PEACE (M. Hunter) D. Mills 6-7-10 ..... R. Still
1984: Cheeky Rupert 4-9-1 A. Mackay 3-1 fav E. Eldin 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 Shiny Copper, 4 Hieronymous, 9-2 Cheeky Rupert, 11-2 North West, 7 Raginda, 9 Tomogran, 12 Going Broke.
TOP FORM TIPS: Shiny Copper 8, Going Broke 7, Hieronymous 6.

4 15—DARTFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES: 3-Y-O; 5f; £647 (13 runners).

1 (5) 0000- ABINAIK (G. Blum) G. Blum 8-11 .....
2 (12) 0- DUNEDINOOD (Kirina Cobby Ltd) B. Cobby 8-11 ..... D Crowley (7)
3 (14) 00040-2 FORTUNE'S RING (S. Oon) D. Smyth 8-11 ..... S. Whitworth (3)
4 (11) 00000- HELEN SHAKARI (A. Asplin) G. Blum 8-11 ..... M. Thomas
7 (7) 03230- IN THE FAMILY ★ (Mrs J. Ramos) W. Guest 8-11 ..... G. Dickie (5)
10 (9) 004000- MULETRAWA LASS (G. Oakes) G. Gracey 8-11 ..... doubtful
11 (13) 04000- MY MYRA (C. Gwenda) R. Smyth 8-11 ..... Paul Eddery
13 (10) 00 ROSITA (T. Waterman) J. Winter 8-11 ..... W. R. Swinburn
15 (2) SHINY BEBEL (Mrs A. Riley) B. Stevens 8-11 ..... D. Bailey
16 (5) 303400- SILKEN SYSTEM (Introvesta Holdings) R. Hannon 8-11 A. Mackay
19 (8) 00-04 TAXIBETTE (Mrs C. Dunlop) A. Dunlop 8-11 ..... P. Cook
20 (4) 000- TENDRONS (R. Lyle) D. Murray Smith 8-11 ..... M. Wigham
21 (6) 00- TRINE (P. Deal) A. Pitt 8-11 ..... R. Hoare
22 (1) 43 YOUNG ANGEL ★ (L. Norris) P. Kelleway 8-11 .....
1984: Treyn Cliss 8-11, J. Matthias, 11-4 fav, G. Balding, 10 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Young Angel, 7-2 Fortune's Ring, 9-2 In The Family, 6 Rosita, 8 My Myra, 12 Silken Oyster.
TOP FORM TIPS: Fortune's Ring 8, Young Angel 7, In The Family 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON

2 15 Foundry Artist
2 45 JARSULA (nap)
3 15 Lysimachus
3 45 Tolly's Tonic
4 15 Midnight Tiger
4 45 Vee Bee

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best over 5f. * DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Soft. ● 7.30 am INSPECTION

2 15—TRILLIUM MAIDEN STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f; £634 (7 runners).

2 (3) 4 FOUNDRY ARTIST (G. Trueller) C. Nelson 9-0 ..... S. Cauthen
3 (7) FREE CHARTER (Mrs S. Abell) P. Felgate 9-0 ..... S. Perks
9 (5) STOCKTAKER (Mrs M. Fairbairn) M. Blanshard 9-0 ..... N. Adams (5)
10 (6) AUNT ISMAY (T. Hope) D. Wintle 8-11 ..... R. Hoare
15 (4) LOCH NEURIE (Sir D. Wills) B. Hobbs 8-11 ..... C. Rutter
16 (1) MISS CIX TEE (I. Charlton) E. Alston 8-11 ..... S. P. Griffiths
20 (2) TAYLOR OF SOHAM (Taylors of Soham Ltd) D. Leslie 8-11 M. Hanner
1984: No corresponding race.
Betting forecast: 2 Lock Neurie, 11-4 Foundry Artist, 9-2 Stocktaker, 8 Free Charter, 10 Taylor of Soham, 14 Aunt Ismay.

2 45—WALLFLOWER SELLING HANDICAP: 1m: £776 (8 runners).

3 (2) 040-030 KIEV (D) (J. Bigg) R. Hollinshead 4-9-7 ..... S. Perks
4 (1) 003002- KINGVIEW (D, E)(B) P. Rohan 4-9-5 ..... D. Bradley
5 (8) 002140- BALMACARA (C) (P. Felgate) P. Felgate 4-9-5 ... A. Shoults (7)
7 (3) 0/00-02 MUMMY'S FANCY (R. Carlton) D. Dale 4-8-9 ..... G. Baxter
11 (9) 000-0 PAR SKIVVY (Mrs A. Tomkins) M. Tompkins 5-8-4 ..... R. Cammil
12 (6) 00000- SWEET GEMMA (A. Duffield) M. Thelwell 3-8-2 ..... W. Carson
13 (5) 00040-0 WHAKONGERESHOWLER (BF) (J. Abbey) A. W. Jones 3-8-0 ..... A. Clark
15 (4) 0400-23 JARSULA ★ (W. Forsyth) W. Wharton 3-7-7 ..... R. Fox
17 (7) 00034-0 HOME AND TRADE (Home and Trade Ltd) B. Morgan 4-6-12 ..... P. Robinson
Betting forecast: 11-4 Kiev, 4 Whakongereshowler, 5 Balmacara, 13-2 Home and Trade, 8 Jarsula, 10 Mummy's Fancy.
TOP FORM TIPS: Kiev 8, Jarsula 7, Balmacara 6.

3 15—HYACINTH HANDICAP: 1½m: £2,316 (11 runners).

2 (4) 10430-0 FEN TIGER (D) (Mrs J. Bigg) R. Hollinshead 4-9-7 ..... S. Perks
3 (9) 031440- STARMIRO (D) (J. Lipscombe) P. Felgate 4-9-5 ..... S. Cauthen
6 (2) 21204-2 TOUR DE FORCE ★ (D) (Mrs D. Strauss) P. Makin 5-8-11 W. Carson
8 (5) 30010- MILTON BURN (D) (A. Richards) D. Hanley 4-8-10 ..... G. Baxter
9 (10) 0040-03 RECORD WING (Mrs P. Long) D. H. Jones 7-8-9 ..... J. Reid
10 (3) 000/1 LYSIMACHUS (5lb ex) (T. Rogerson) M. Ryan 5-8-6 ..... P. Robinson
11 (11) 00-4 MARMARA OF TENFIELD (Mrs G. Dunlop) A. Dunlop 4-8-5 R. Hills
12 (6) 300000- TRUE HERITAGE (D) (A. Hide) A. Hide 5-8-5 .....
13 (1) 000-001 BUCKMINSTER BOY (5lb ex) (W. Wharton) W. Wharton 4-8-3 R. Fox
16 (8) 00000-3 PEARL RUN (5lb ex) (R. Scanlon) G. Price 4-7-11 ... T. Williams (3)
17 (7) 0/0400- THOMAS (J. Kennedy) L. Cottrell 4-7-10 ..... R. Carlisle
Betting forecast: 5-2 Lysimachus, 4 Buckminster Boy, 5 Pearl Run, 11-2 Record Wing, 7 Tour de Force, 10 True Heritage.
TOP FORM TIPS: Lysimachus 8, Tour de Force 7, Pearl Run 6.

3 45—BLUEBELL FILLIES STAKES: 3-Y-O; 1m 1f; £822 (8 runners).

1 (7) 0003- DEBRUNN QUEEN (W. Kelly) M. Blanshard 8-13 ..... J. Reid
2 (1) 0- CROISSANT DE LUNE (D. Acd) Thomson Jones 8-11 ..... R. Hills
4 (5) 00- CANICHE (Mrs M. Bates) L. Lightbrown 8-11 .....
7 (8) 00-0 GREEN JINKS (D. Allen) M. Ryan 8-11 ..... P. Robinson
10 (3) 0034-0 MAINS GIRL (D. Barclay) A. W. Jones 8-11 ..... A. Clark
17 (4) 0-0 SUN STREET (J. Hill) C. Brittain 8-11 ..... W. Carson
18 (6) 3 TOLLY'S TONIC (Tolly Cobbold Ltd) Mrs J. Ramsey 8-11 ..... K. Day
19 (2) 40 UNMISTAKABLE (R. Sangster) R. Hills 8-11 ..... W. Thomas
Betting forecast: 9-4 Croissant de Lune, 11-4 Tolly's Tonic, 9-2 Bourbon Queen, 13-2 Unmistakable, 8 Green Jinks, 10 Sun Street.
TOP FORM TIPS: Tolly's Tonic 8, Croissant de Lune 7, Bourbon Queen 6.

4 15—CROCUS STAKES: 3YO: 1m: £1,936 (6 runners).

2 (5) 334401- STOCK HILL LASS (Mrs M. Fairbairn) M. Blanshard 9-3 ..... J. Reid
4 (4) 3112- MIDNIGHT TIGER (D) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-3 ..... R. Hills
8 (2) 010-0 TIMBER TOOL (D) (H. Marsh) C. Nelson 9-2 ..... S. Cauthen
15 (3) 04000- LUCKY RUN (A. Richards) D. Hanley 8-11 ..... G. Baxter
18 (6) 0- CRIMSON COVE (M. Haigh) P. Felgate 8-8 ..... S. Perks
20 (1) LINFAST (E. Lodge) J. Perratt 8-6 ..... R. Street
Betting forecast: 8-11 Midnight Tiger, 7-2 Timber Tool, 5 Stock Hill Lass, 8 Lucky Pin, 25 Crimson Cove, 1 Linfast.
TOP FORM TIPS: Midnight Tiger 8, Stock Hill Lass 7.

4 45—RAFFORD HANDICAP: 5f: £1,516 (13 runners).

1 (3) 00000-0 SHANLEYS STYLE (D) (BF) (Mrs C. Orme) Mrs J. Ramsey 4-9-10 ..... A. Cauthen
5 (9) 001000- CELTIC BIND (D) (J. Cooke) A. Bailey 5-9-4 ..... J. Bleasby
6 (2) 00300-0 SHADES OF BLUE (Cameron Consultants) M. Blanshard 4-9-2 ..... N. Adams (5)
7 (1) 0000-00 SEVEN CLUBS (D) (D. Lorriner-Robertson) D. Jermy 5-9-0 ..... R. Cornet
8 (6) 000140- DONNEY (Miss L. Davis) A. Dickman 5-8-13 ..... G. Baxter
10 (8) 0000- COSTOCK BUNNY (St Giants Racing) L. Lightbrown 6-8-6 .....
11 (13) 000-0 KATRSTAR (Mrs V. Simpson) K. Hollinshead 3-8-6 ... W. Woon (3)
12 (10) 00-0003 VEE BEE (D) (Mrs H. Berry) D. Leslie 6-8-5 ..... R. Bleasby
13 (7) 0000-04 PINE HAWK (Mrs J. Williams) D. H. Jones 4-8-4 ..... J. Reid
14 (11) 000- APPLE PIE HILL (Mrs D. Burgoyne) P. Burgoyne 5-8-2 ..... R. Fox
16 (12) 00/00-0 ZAK (K. Mahoney) K. Bridgwater 5-8-12 ..... R. Crossley
17 (4) 00/00-4 WINDY LAD (Mrs P. Hughes) D. A. Wilson 4-8-9 ..... T. Williams (3)
18 (5) 00000-3 MISS BELLA (D) (J. Collings) E. Alston 4-7-9 S. P. Griffiths (5)
Betting forecast: 11-4 Vee Bee, 7-2 Pine Hawk, 9-2 Miss Bella, 11-2 Shades Of Blue, 10 Windy Lad, 12 Shanleys Style.
TOP FORM TIPS: Vee Bee 8, Shanleys Style 7, Pine Hawk 6.

● Again Tomorrow, trained in Ireland by Dermot Weld and ridden by Michael Kinane, won the Premio Parioli, the Italian 2,000 Guineas, by half a length from Italy's leading three-year-old colt Will Dancer. Sulaafah, trained in England by Harry Thomson Jones and ridden by Tony Murray, was a length away in third with another English-trained horse, Northern Pride, beaten a head in fourth. Again Tomorrow was paying tribute to 2,000 Guineas favourite Gold Crest, who beat him comfortably in a juvenile race last year.

● The Sherwood brothers, Oliver and Simon, were cockahoop after Muqadar made it three wins from three starts over jumps at Ascot on Saturday by holding off the favourite Sheer Gold in the Lily Tree Novices Hurdle. *Muqadar, who now goes to* Robert Armstrong to be trained for the Cesarewitch, was Oliver's first Ascot runner and the colt put Simon, reigning amateur champion, back on top of the table level with Peter Dun on 21 winners.

EDINBURGH

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best up to a mile. * DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good.

2 00 Robis (nb)
2 30 Albaciyna
3 00 Airedale Travel
3 30 Elisetta
4 00 Denboy
4 30 Shiela Crockatt

2—CARBERRY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f; £751 (10 runners).

(6) 0 GOLDEN MARK F. Carr 8-9 ..... M. Wood
(1) NEDS EXPRESS G. Tinkler 8-4 ..... M. Birch
(2) 9 NATROKS FANDANGO R. Stubbs 8-3 ..... M. Bestwick
(5) 4 RUNNING RAINBOW M. Brittain 8-3 ..... B. Cowan
(3) OLD BROWNIE A. Bailey 7-13 S. Dawson (5)
(10) BETTY ANN A. Jarvis 7-10 ..... A. O'Reilly (7)
(8) 0 CARAMK J. Berry 7-10 ..... K. Darley
(4) 0 FOREVER AGAIN T. Fairhurst 7-10 P. Shirlington
(7) 2 ROBIS Mrs N. Macauley 7-10 ..... A. Mackay
(9) SPRING GARDEN M. Chamberlain 7-10 M. Fry
1984: Swift River 7-13 N. Carlisle 16-1 C. H. Bell 9 ran.
Betting forecast: 15-8 Robis, 3 Running Rainbow, 5 Cabaret, 7 Mr Platinum, 8 Betty Ann, 10 Neds Express.
TOP FORM TIPS: Robis 8, Running Rainbow 7.

3—NORTH BERWICK STAKES: 3-Y-O; 5f; £888 (9 runners).

(3) 004000- ELEGANT FORT T. Fairhurst 8-11 ..... C. Coates (5)
(2) 0 GHETTO BLASTER J. Kettlewell 8-11 ..... N. Connorton
MANTELLA M. Brittain 8-11 ..... K. O'Reilly (7)
(6) 03 FORT MIST A. Jarvis 8-8 ..... G. Brown (7)
(8) 03-00 ALBACIYNA R. Stubbs 8-8 ..... M. Hindley (5)
(7) 0 GOLD DUCHESS M. W. Easterby 8-8 ..... A. Mackay
(9) 0000-0 MA MINTI Mrs N. Macauley 8-8 ..... K. Darley
(4) 20- PHANDOM N. Callaghan 8-8 ...A. Mooney (7)
(1) 00- SAFFRON J. Berry 8-8 ..... J. Lowe
1984: Form Master 8-11 M. Fry 9-2 Denys Smith 5 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Fort Mist, 7-2 Albaciyna, 9-2 Elegant Fort, 8 Mantella, 8 Gold Duchess, 12 Phandom, 14 Mr Minti.
TOP FORM TIPS: Fort Mist 8, Albaciyna 7.

4—BURNSLEBURN SPRING HANDICAP: 1½m: £1,874 (10 runners).

(1) 002100- MIAMI STAR (C) Denys Smith 4-9-10 ..... B. Landbitter (5)
(8) 0010-02 AIREDALE TRAVEL M. W. Easterby 4-9-2 ..... M. Hindley (5)
(2) 23020-0 GARRYMANNIP P. Monteith 4-9-1 R. Cowan
(6) 00040-0 DON'T ANNOY MR R. Whitaker 4-8-11 ..... H. Brown (5)
(9) 432000- SPECIAL SETTLEMENT R. Allan 4-8-7 ..... G. Duffield
(5) 140000- EXCAVATOR LADY ★ B. Moore 4-8-5 ..... S. Webster
(4) 040020- THARALEES F. Watson 5-8-0 ..... M. Fry
(3) 000000- ELITIST N. Chamberlain 4-8-0 ..... J. Bleasdale
(3) 20004/3 GERNARD M. Hampton 5-8-0 ..... K. Darley
(7) 000500/ HOLLY BUSY Mrs G. Reveley 5-7-13 A. Proud
(4) Fresh Gent 5-9-4 S. Keightley 10-1 T. Barron 10 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Airedale Travel, 3 Miami Star, 4 Garryman, 7 Alamo Me, 8 Special Settlement, 10 Tharalees.
TOP FORM TIPS: Miami Star 8, Airedale Travel 7, Garrymannip 6.

5—ABERLADY SELLING HANDICAP: 1m 3f: £560. (7 runners).

(5) 0500-2 NABAT'S MELODY ★ I. Vickers 4-9-7 ..... J. H. Brown (5)
(6) 024000- ELISETTA Denys Smith 5-9-6 ..... M. Fry
(2) 00/ PITTENCRIEFF E. Weymes 10-9-6 ..... E. Guest (5)
(7) 004000- IT'S HEAVEN S. Moore 5-9-13 ..... J. Callaghan (7)
(1) 0000-0 WET PAINT J. Parkes 3-8-3 ..... G. Duffield
(4) 00000-0 DIAPHONITUNE ★ J. Kettlewell 5-7-10 J. Lowe
(6) 0400-00 PANSCHECK J. S. Wilson 5-7-10 A. Mackay
1984: Willy Wholesit Esq 5-9-7 S. Perks 4-1 fav M. Lambert. 16 ran.
Betting forecast: 6-4 Nabat's Melody, 2 Elisetta, 6 It's Heaven, 8 Pittencrieff, 12 Wet Paint, 16 Panscheck, 25 Diaphonitune.
TOP FORM TIPS: Nabat's Melody 8, Elisetta 6.

6—RIVERSIDE MAIDEN STAKES: 1m: £910 (10 runners).

(7) 30000-0 CAROL'S MUSIC M. Brittain 4-9-9 R. Cowan
(2) 034-000 FORLAURIS R. Stubbs 4-9-9 ..... D. Nicholls
(6) 2/2030- HELLO GYPSY C. Tinkler 4-9-9 ..... M. Birch
(16) NICANIC N. Callaghan 4-9-9 ..... M. Hindley (5)
(15) 00230-0 NICE ONE ANDY ★ C. Nelson 4-9-9 K. Hodgson
(5) 4000-00 THUNDERDOS Denys Smith 4-9-9 ..... M. Fry
(12) ALI-CLAIRE A. Scott 4-9-6 ..... K. Darley
(9) 0- CUT A CAPER J. W. Watts 3-8-6 N. Connorton
(14) 000-2 DENBOY M. Lambert 3-8-6 ..... L. Charnock
(13) 00- GIOVANNI M. Prescott 3-8-6 ..... G. Duffield
(10) 0020-00 RIDGEREDOO G. Moore 3-8-6 ..... A. Crook
(11) 0342-23 KING'S BADGE (BF) T. Craig 3-8-6 ..... R. P. Elliott
(1) 040-403 SONOFEVE Mrs N. Macauley 3-8-6 A. Mackay
(3) 00- TRITCHNY S. Norton 3-8-6 ..... J. Lowe
(4) 42020-4 ABSONANT Mrs C. Reveley 3-8-3 E. Guest (5)
(8) 400000- BOBO A. Jarvis 3-8-3 ..... A. O'Reilly
1984: Music Wonder 3-8-6 S. Cauglan 7-4 fav D. Plant 9 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 King's Badge, 100-30 Giovanni, Denboy, 7 Absonant, 8 Cut A Caper, 10 Nice One Andy.
TOP FORM TIPS: King's Badge 8, Absonant 7, Denboy 6.

4 30—BALMENY HANDICAP: 7f: £914 (14 runners).

(1) 000-013 O. I. OYSTON (C/D) P. Berry 9-10-0 K. Darley
(9) 020000- ZIO PEPPINO T. Craig 4-9-1 E. Guest (5)
(3) 202100- SHOW OF HANDS J. W. Watts 9-9-1 E. Turner (7)
(14) 00000-0 IMPACT LEAP ★ W. Elsey 4-8-11 G. Duffield
(13) 40000-3 GAN ON (Ab Deny Smith 4-8-8 ..... W. Fry
(6) 300-010 SHIELA CROCKATT (5lb ex) M. W. Easterby 4-8-7 ..... M. Hodgson
(11) 306000- ORCHID DANCER S. Norton 3-8-4 ..... J. Lowe
(8) 03/00-0 HALYOUB J. S. Wilson 5-8-4 ..... A. Mack (7)
(10) 013000- MAGIC MUSHROOM Denys Smith 4-8-3 ..... B. Landbitter (5)
(7) 00300-0 ROSSETT (C) (D) T. Craig 4-8-2 ..... N. Connorton
(5) 03300-0 TRADE WICH I. Vickers 6-8-3 D. Nicholls
(4) 302220- TRADESMAN (C) J. Haldane 5-7-7 L. Charnock
(2) 3000-0 MIS LAIN ★ Mrs N. Macauley 6-7-7 A. Mackay
(12) 03200-0 MONTREU MAID G. Moore 3-7-7 ..... A. Proud
1984: O. I. Oyston 8-10-0 K. Darley 5-1 J. Berry 10 ran.
Betting forecast: 7-2 Gan On Ind, 4 O. I. Oyston, 5 Shiela Crockatt, 6 Show of Hands, 8 Orchid Dancer, 10 Magic Mushroom, 12 Trade Wich.
TOP FORM TIPS: O. I. Oyston 8, Gan On Ind 6, Shiela Crockatt 6.

David Frost

England's Blakeway is forced to retire

RUGBY UNION

Phil Blakeway, of Gloucester, due to be England's loose-head prop against Wales at Cardiff on Saturday, has been forced to give up rugby. He has already come back once from a broken neck. Now he has been advised by a doctor to call it a day due to a trapped nerve in his neck.

Blakeway, who is 34, won 17 England caps but his career at the top has been hit by injuries. He returned last season, having announced he had quit for the second time after coming home from the British Lions tour of South Africa through a rib injury.

Derek Morgan, chairman of England's selectors, said last night. "It is sad news because Phil was the cornerstone of the 1980 grand slam England pack. *He has performed very well* after moving over to loose head this season which is a relatively unaccustomed role for him."

When the England and England B squads trained and practised for two hours at Twickenham yesterday, rumours abounded that Blakeway was about to announce another retirement. But Morgan, who spoke to Blakeway by telephone yesterday morning, said that there was no mention of retirement. He did say, however, that Blakeway was not yet sure he could tour New Zealand with England in May and June.

His likely replacement is Austin Sheppard, the Bristol prop who, although normally a tight head, ha played many games on the loose head. It was Sheppard who propped in Blakeway's place yesterday.

Morgan confirmed that Rob Andrew, the current England stand-off half would not be able to go to New Zealand. Andrew said it had not been possible to arrange a postponement of his final exams at Cambridge from the end of next month.

Andrew's withdrawal means there are now five vacancies to be filled in the touring side — at full-back, wing threequarter, stand-off, half and two at loose-head. They will not be filled until after England's match at Cardiff

The England B game against Italy at Twickenham on Wednesday will provide the national selectors with a further opportunity to examine contenders for places for the tour. The B side will be captained by Brian Moore, the Nottingham hooker. His team is notable for the inclusion at loose head of Peter Stiff, who decided only in mid-season to switch from locking to propping for Bristol. The side does not include a single player from the South-east of England. Colyn Price, the London Welsh stand-off half, is among he travelling reserves.

Andy Simpson, the Sale hooker, was not considered for Wednesday's match because he is a travelling reserve for England at Card

MERSEYSIDE PAIR TWICE STRIKE LATE IN DRAMATIC DENOUEMENTS TO TWO EXCITING FA CUP SEMI-FINALS

David Lacey — Liverpool 2, Manchester United 2 (aet)

The cruel awakening

WHEN the League Against Cruel Sports have won their last battle and the uneatable are safe from pursuit by the unspeakable, their members might consider another case of ritual suffering undergone at regular intervals to provide a public entertainment.

The victims are FA Cup semi-finalists — or to be more specific FA Cup semi-finalists who see victory snatched from their grasp. The phrase "only 90 minutes from Wembley" is a football cliche and a misleading one at that. An hour-and-a-half is a lifetime when a team finds itself a few minutes or even a few seconds from the final.

At Villa Park, Luton had only to hold out for another five minutes of normal time *for their season to be transformed* by the defeat of Everton and a place at Wembley to mark their centenary year. But the Cup holders, then drew level and won late in extra-time.

At least Luton were released from their agony on the day. The experience of Manchester United, who drew 2-2 with Liverpool at Goodison Park, will be recognised by those who remember having double nightmares. You dream that you are having a dream and wake up. But you have only woken up within your dream and so the real awakening is a doubly shattering experience.

United led 1-0 with four minutes of normal time remaining and 2-1 with barely 30 seconds to go in extra-time. But first Whelan brought the scores level with a shot of rare perfection and when Walsh tapped the ball into an empty net to preserve the possibility of another all-Merseyside final. Twice United's dream of Wembley was so vivid that they could have sworn they heard the multitudinous rendering of Abide With Me. The reality is a replay at Maine Road on Wednesday.

Yet had George Courtney, who refereed the FA Cup final five years ago, turned his head at the right moment the mathc would have ended with a free-kick for United and Liverpool would now be contemplating the awkward probability that to win a trophy this season they would have to beat Juventus in the European Cup final.

The game was in its 120th minute when Liverpool, with Lawrenson pushed forward in a desperate attempt to break the grip of the United centre-backs, moved upfield for *the last time. As they neared* the opposing penalty area the linesman on the right-hand touchline flagged for offside but Mr Courtney, his attention drawn to the play on the opposite flank, did not see him.

As the movement faltered and Liverpool momentarily lost the ball, the linesman lowered his flag. Immediately Dalglish regained possession, exchanged passes with Walsh, brushed aside a weak challenge from *Strachan on the left and* swung the ball over towards the far post. Rush, winning a significant ball in the air for the only time throughout the afternoon, headed back firmly, Bailey could half-stop it, and Walsh, the Liverpool substitute, did the rest.

NET GAIN . . . Walsh earns Liverpool a replay in the dying seconds

The suggestion that Ron Atkinson, the United manager, was furious with the referee afterwards belongs to the Munchausen school of journalism. Atkinson was both fair and philosophical. "Unfortunately the referee was *looking into the play* and the linesman was behind him," he said. "We've no complaints about the referee, he had a great game. But it needed just one whistle at that point and we were at Wembley."

Certainly Liverpool would not have cavilled at a United victory. "To be quite honest they were the better side," admitted the Liverpool manager, Joe Fagan. "I'm very thankful to have another crack at the Cup. On Wednesday we'll have to get a bit more devil from most people in the team. We got away with it today."

When the clubs had met previously in an FA Cup semi-final, at Maine Road in 1979, they had produced a similar result with United going on to win the replay at Goodison. Saturday's match did not have the all-round quality of either of those encounters, largely because the strong wind made fluent football difficult, but the timing of the goals heightened the dramatic impact.

One came away glad that Dalglish's second superb exhibition of creative football for Liverpool in four days had not been wasted but sympathetic towards Paul McGrath, whose masterful display in the middle of the United defence deserved to see the centre-back in his first FA Cup final without further ado.

Dalglish has reached that stage in his career, and it was the same with Trevor Brooking, when the spectator *can just sit back and luxuriate* in his craft. But as Fagan pointed out, the will has to be there as well.

Liverpool's problem was that certain players did not respond to Dalglish as they had done in the 4-0 defeat of Panathinaikos last Wednesday. Wark and MacDonald were often anonymous, Lee was less effective after a busy, bustling first half — when he and Olsen exchanged snappy small talk like Sneezy and Grumpy — and Whelan and Dalglish alone could not always compete with United's mobile, strong and well-balanced midfield.

Moreover McGrath repeated his domination of Rush in the League match at Anfield a fortnight earlier, which United had won to more or less end Liverpool's faint hopes of retaining the championship.

Rush went into the game with a slightly strained knee ligament but is expected to be fit for Maine Road. Fagan is also optimistic about the chances of Nicol returning to the side but Kennedy may not make it. Whatever the team, and however much extra devil they manage to inject into their play, Liverpool will hope that the gremlin in Grobbelaar's goalkeeping has a night off.

For a few minutes in the first half, Grobbelaar appeared totally unsettled by the combination of a high wind anfid the challenges of Stapleton, Hughes and Whiteside. As Gidman prepared to take a throw on the night the Liverpool goalkeeper raced towards him as if fancying his chances of grabbing the ball for a breakaway try. Whiteside should have scored after that gaff.

As it was, United did not take the lead until the 69th minute when Hughes diverted Robson's shot past Grobbelaar, who had redeemed himself in the meantime with agile saves from Strachan and the young Welshman.

Liverpool's first equaliser was not dissimilar to the shot with which Whelan had beaten Bailey to score the decisive goal in the 1983 Milk Cup final, the ball perfectly placed into the top right-hand corner of the net. United regained the lead in the first nalf of extra-time when Grobbelaar was deceived as Stapleton's shot took a deflection of Lawrenson, Hughes having created the chance with a typically skiful and unselfish piece of football.

"I thought 'That's it, we can all go home now,'" said Fagan. But Wembley is Liverpool's second home — and Everton are threatening to set up squatters' rights . . .

SCORERS.—Manchester United: Hughes (69min), Stapleton (98). Liverpool: Whelan (86), Walsh (119).
Manchester United: Bailey; Gidman, Albiston, Whiteside, McGrath, Hogg, Robson, Strachan, Hughes, Stapleton, Olsen. Liverpool.—Grobbelaar, Neal, Beglin, Lawrenson, Lee, Hansen, Dalglish, Whelan, Rush, MacDonald, Wark (Walsh, 59 min).
Referee.—G. Courtney (Co Durham).

THE FOUR Scottish Cup contestants must start all over again on Wednesday night, writes Brian Wilson. At Hampden, Celtic were held 1-1 by First Division Motherwell, and manager David Hay described his side's performance as "scandalous." Gary McAllister gave Motherwell an early lead but in one of Celtic's few flashes of fine play, Paul McStay laid on a perfect ball for Tommy Burns to equalise. At Tynecastle, a dreadful miss by Steve Cowan *four minutes* from the end ensured that Aberdeen — going for a fourth successive Cup triumph — will have to fight it out again at the same venue with Dundee United after a ragged, goalless draw played in difficult conditions.

Patrick Barclay

Enter the man from St Pat's

THE IDEA of going into an FA Cup semi-final with two relatively inexperienced central defenders might not be the most appealing to a manager, but after Saturday's match Ron Atkinson and Joe Fagan were united in their admiration for the displays of Manchester United's Paul McGrath and Graeme Hogg.

McGrath, quick and possessing the spring-heeled athleticism of a young Gordon McQueen, gave a particularly commanding performance. As Atkinson said: "Before the game I wondered about how people like him would handle the situation. After all, it was his first domestic semi-final and he was against the European champions. But he played as if it were a testimonial match.

At 25, McGrath is five years older than Hogg. He arrived at Old Trafford from the Dublin club St Patrick's Athletic three years ago but serious injuries in each of the last two seasons have restricted him to around 50 senior appearances, some as a makeshift midfielder. He reverted to central defence alongside Hogg for the home draw with Everton at the beginning of March, since when the partnership has looked the most effective of seven used by United this season.

United's style under Atkinson, employing those dedicated ball players Strachan and Olsen on the flanks, places a heavy burden on any back four. But McGrath and Hogg coped especially well in the League match at *Anfield, which United won* 1-0, and again on Saturday the Liverpool players found difficulty in breaking them down.

"I don't normally take much notice of the opposition," said Fagan, "but both of United's centralbacks stood out for their strength and determination. I was very impressed."

Hogg will probably never have his Irish partner's sure touch. But the powerful, uncomplicated young Scot has improved steadily since coming into the side at the beginning of last year. He has already played for the Scotland Under-21 side and, at his current rate of progress, may become a candidate for the senior squad.

Certainly the thought occurred during Saturday's high-pressure combat that partnership between Hogg and Liverpool's composed, highly experienced Hansen might be more effective for Scotland than the Aberdeen combination of McLeish and Miller, which was so starkly exposed against Wales in Glasgow last month.

● Hooligans fired flare-guns at United supporters during the United / Liverpool tie, and the United winger Jesper Olsen was hit in the face by a missile while taking a corner. Two fans were stabbed, two policemen injured and 46 people arrested. At the Everton/Luton semi-final, police made about 100 arrests as fighting started after the final whistle.

Robert Armstrong — Everton 2, Luton 1 (a.e.t.)

Extra sting in Everton's tail

EVERTON moved a step closer to England's first League and FA Cup double since 1971 with a resilient victory over Luton Town that owed everything to the spirit of blood and iron that served them so well in Munich last week.

There was abundant sympathy at Villa Park for the gallant losers, who came within five minutes of a Wembley final on May 18 but by the end of extra-time, Everton's superior professionalism had won everyone's ungrudging respect.

Like Liverpool who also proved they posses a sharp sting in the tail, Howard Kendall's splendidly balanced side have the priceless habit of scoring late goals which simultaneously destroy their opponent's moral and revive their own spirits. Derek Mountfield, who headed a 115th-minute winner on Saturday, also snatched an 84th-minute equaliser against Ipswich in last month's quarter-final. A year ago Adrian Heath scored a 117th-winner against Southampton in the semi-final at Highbury.

Such timing suggests Everton possess that will to win without which no club can lay a persuasive claim to greatness. Perhaps the humiliation of living almost literally in the shadow of Liverpool, constantly mocked by years of Anfield success, has injected steel into Everton's soul.

Like their rivals, Everton invest in good players rather than keeping cash in the bank and, when they arrive, avoid confusing them *with too much coaching.*

Instead, the emphasis is on accurate passing and close support for the man on the ball. Tackling decisively without conceding dangerous free-kicks, allied to the ability to exploit set-pieces, helps towards a powerful style that looks deceptively simple to emulate.

These factors helped to explain why Everton bounced back from an appalling first-half performance rode the frustration of failing to score for 40 minutes, in the second, and finally killed off wilting Luton towards the end of a gruelling two hours. Not the least surprising aspect of Everton's victory were the mediocre performances of Gray, Steven and Stevens.

Even Reid required well over an hour to stamp his influence on the game, while the centre-backs, Ratcliffe and Mountfield, were fortunate to escape the first half with a one-goal deficit. As David Pleat remarked: "The wonderful thing for me as a manger, was that after 10 minutes I knew my players had not frozen. At least our fans are going home knowing that our players did not let them down."

Pleat had been forced to leave the Cup-tied Preece and Nicholas out of midfield, but Turner and the 19-year-old Parker linked up with Hill to form a compact, creative unit with pace, vision and finishing power. Hill, who scored with a spectacular 18-yard drive off the right-hand post late in the first half, came within a whisker of giving Luton a 2-0 lead with a hard low drive shortly after the interval. If Southall had not made an excellent one-handed stop, the Cup could have easily drifted away from Everton in the high winds that sweep Villa Park. The keeper also made a crucial save at the feet of Nwajiobi.

Pleat insisted that Luton played deep in the final half-hour because Everton's pressure forced them back, but it seemed a tactical error for the back four not to have moved up quickly and condensed space around the halfway line.

Reid was given too much time to make his wily incursions through the middle, while the industrious Bracewell — Everton's most consistent player on the day — gradually opened up the flank. The workload imposed on Foster and Donaghy, who both defended admirably, grew to breaking point.

Nevertheless there was a whiff of controversy about the equaliser. Jimmy Hill's assertion on Match of the Day that Foster leaned on Mountfield was hardly demonstrated by the action reply, even though the referee awarded a direct free-kick 25 yards out. Sheedy's left-footed kick curled wickedly through the Luton wall away from Sealey's despairing fingers, and bounced into the corner of the net.

Extra-time cruelly proved that Luton were a spent force. The injured Harford, who received a pain-killing injection in his ankle during the interval, was replaced by the 33-year-old Moss but Everton were irresistible, with Gray and Reid denied by only desperate goalmouth clearances.

With five minutes remaining, another cunning free-kick by Sheedy from the left found the head of Mountfield who rose high to score from six yards. It was *the Everton defender's 10th* goal of the season — another example of the team's all-round power.

As Luton trudged off at the end to face a grim battle against relegation, the crisp straw-boaters of their supporters suddenly looked damp and full of holes.

SCORERS.—Luton: Hill (37 min). Everton: Sheedy (85) Mountfield (115).
Luton Town: Sealey; Breacker, Thomas, Turner, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford (Moss, 105 min), Nwajiobi, Parker.
Everton: Southall; Stevens, Van den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Mountfield, Reid, Steven, Sharp, Gray, Bracewell, Sheedy.
Referee: J. Martin (Hampshire).

THE ITALIAN title race was thrown open yesterday when Verona were beaten 2-1 at home by Torino — only the leaders' second defeat of the season. Verona, who missed a penalty immmediately before Serena's scissors-kick opener for the visitors, are four points clear of Juventus, Torino, Internazionale and Sampdoria, for whom Graeme Souness scored a long-range goal in the defeat of Milan. There are five games left.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Paul Fitzpatrick

St Helens 30, Hull KR 14

Meninga rocks Rovers

There is still some life left yet in the Slalom Lager Championship. St Helens, knowing that nothing less than victory would be adequate at Knowsley Road yesterday, duly collected the spoils and are now only one point behind Hull KR, who have four games left against Saints' three.

By the time the announcer had got through the Rovers' team changes there was little doubt which side would win this contest. Harrison, aged 17, and Speckman, 18, were given their first games in a pack missing five established players—Simms a substitute, also made his debut—while elsewhere Clark and Robinson were also absent.

Injuries had thus placed an intolerable burden on Rovers. And although they battled tenaciously in a first half in which a stiff wind in their faces was an additional handicap, they crumbled in the second half. Meninga was the omnipotent figure in this period and collected three tries.

The first half was a jaded affair in which players from both sides moved in desperate need of the close season. It was to Rovers' credit nevertheless, that they restricted St Helens to a single try by Ledger, made inevitably by Meninga, while producing a good try themselves through Prohm, his 38th of the season, just before halftime.

An interval deficit then, of 10-4 was creditable for the visitors and it was interesting now to see how Rovers would use the strong wind. They used it extremely badly, looking to have only the skeletonest of tactical policies, and wasted a number of promising positions by giving away silly penalties.

Within 15 minutes of the restart Meninga had surged over for two tries and by the hour had collected his third. Bruce Miller and Lydiat stirred memories of the previous Monday when Widnes had embarrassed St Helens with a late rush of points, but in between times the dangerous Platt had scored his eighth try in four games to assure Saints the most comfortable of wins. Day played his part in the win by landing another five goals in awkward conditions.

St Helens: Veivers; Ledger, Allen, Meninga, Day; Arkwright, I. Smith; Burke, Aldcroft, Gorley, Platt, Haggerty (Forber, 58min), Pinner.
Hull KR: Falemalua, B. Miller, Lydiat, Prohm, Lewis; M. Smith (Simms, 61min), Harkin; Millington, Rudd, Eno, (Markham 33min), Broadhurst, Harrison, Speckman.
Referee: Hodgson of Maryport.

ROUND-UP

Wigan woe as Graham doubles up

While the First Division's top two were locking horns at Knowlsey Road, Challenge Cup finalist Wigan and Hull, experienced wildly differing fortunes yesterday.

Wigan's last, lingering hopes of the title disappeared after a second-half collapse at home to relegated Hunslet. Wigan led 16-8 at the break, but two late Graham tries turned the game.

Hull's third match with Castleford in seven days, ended in another victory for the *patched-up home side against* the team they defeated for the Cup semi-final. The visitors again led for long periods, only for Hull to clinch victory in the last 10 minutes with two tries and two goals.

Leeds, already assured of a top-four place, killed off Halifax's hopes of qualifying for the Premiership. A wayward pass by Halifax's Australian player-coach, Chris Anderson, brought Leeds the late try that clinched their victory just as the home side were exerting heavy pressure.

Ellery Hanley failed to add to his 47-try haul for Bradford in the 25-10 defeat at Featherstone, whose centre John Gilbert stole the show with a hat-trick.

Warrington joined Bradford as the only team to lose to Workington this season — *despite an interval lead.* The Cumbrians ran in six tries, with two each for centre Ian Thompson and winger Ian Bower, to leave Reg Bowden's side still looking over their shoulders at Barrow who did their own cause no good at all by leaking seven tries at Widnes.

In the Second Division, there were big wins for three of the sides hoping to accompany Swinton into the First—Dewsbury, York, and Swinton — but Carlisle, with games in hand, stay in the hunt after scraping through at Rochdale.

The game broke new ground — at Harrow, of all places — when Fulham took on Whitehaven at the Wealdstone soccer ground. Fewer than 800 watched the 10-10 draw, but Fulham will go ahead with plans to stage their attractive eve-of-Cup final visit from Swinton at the same venue on May 3.

● Garry Bishop, the Oldham scrum-half, has flown to Brisbane to join Northern Suburbs for the summer. His club-mate Nick Worrall, who toured Australia with Great Britain last year, will join Bishop when Oldham's season is over.

Russell Thomas — Portsmouth 1, Birmingham City 3

Geddis punctures Pompey pride

A BITTER wind and Birmingham swept through Portsmouth on Saturday, blowing aside Fratton Park's promotion-anticipating glee. Pompey's view of the First Division, not sighted for 26 years, receded in the course of this twin buffeting.

Portsmouth's manager, Alan Ball, issued the provocative pre-match message to his players—"if we beat them, we bury them"—but it was Portsmouth who were consigned to the deep. It was a highly professional job by Birmingham, who contained and countered their way to a round dozen of away victories and took second place from Pompey.

Afterwards, Ball spoke of Birmingham's "strength and discipline," preferring *not to discuss the defensive* mistakes that laid his side open to their first defeat in 12 games. Blake, captain for the day against his old club in Kennedy's absence, and goalkeeper Knight will in particular ponder their part in the close-range hat-trick plundered by Geddis which took his season's total to 21.

Errors should not detract from the performance of Geddis, whose physical presence and persistence epitomised his side's as he neatly converted a cross for the first goal, forced the second over the line and jabbed the third in with his studs. That contribution was matched by the 30-year-old Daly, who cunningly created all three.

Portsmouth, wind-assisted in the first half, blew their chance in that period. Dillon roused Fratton Park's largest crowd of the season with a clever curling *free-kick against a post and raised* the decibels with a stumble and then a well-placed shot past Seaman's left hand for the equaliser against his former club. But after Webb, failing to find his prolific Easter scoring form, and then Hilaire hesitated over a double opportunity, the Portsmouth sound subsided.

SCORERS.—Portsmouth: Dillon (9 min). Birmingham: Geddis (7, 64, 72).
Portsmouth: Knight, Stanley, Hardyman, Dillon, Blake, Gilbert, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Morgan, Webb, Hilaire.
Birmingham City: Seaman; Ranson, Roberts, Wright, Armstrong, Kuhl, Daly, Clarke, Bremner, (Kennedy, 51 min), Geddis, Hagans.
Referee: N. Butler (E. Molesey).

● Brighton enhanced their promotion prospects with a last-minute victory at Notts County yesterday. County went ahead through Pedro Richards's 61st-minute header, but Gary O'Reilly headed the equaliser from Brighton's first corner 10 minutes later. Another *header from a corner, by Dutchman* Hans Kraay, sealed the home side's fifth consecutive defeat.

MOUNTFIELD'S MOMENT . . . Everton's centre-half steals between Foster and Hill for the winner

Cyril Chapman — Coventry City 0, Sunderland 1

Moore leaves Coventry cold

Forced to lose their Easter holiday programme because of influenza in the ranks. Coventry caught another cold at Highfield Road where Sunderland off-loaded some of their relegation worries on to other shoulders with a goal early on.

Coventry fielded eight convalescents, so that it was with medications at the ready that they began cautiously, hoping to step up the pace when confidence was established. Manager Don Mackay said afterwards he would have preferred a different approach, for by the time Coventry worked up a full head of steam Sunderland were in front and determined to stay there.

Sunderland relied on two 18-year-olds, Moore and Lemon, rather than on more experienced hands, and the bold stroke met with the deserved reward when the pair manoeuvred the 11th minute goal. Lemon squared a low pass from the right wing and Moore, watching avariciously as first a colleague and then a defender let the ball run, turned it into goal.

Coventry had chances of equal value but were by no means as positive. And just before half-time Gibson saw his penalty saved by Turner with a full-length plunge. In the second-half Coventry showed a construction and energy their manager thinks will still take them to safety in a heavy programme which includes two matches after the FA Cup final.

During the late turmoil Sunderland lost a limping Moore, *Coventry had Adams carried* off on a stretcher with a damaged knee and the home physio was booked for coming on unannounced. By this time it was the Coventry supporters running high temperatures who needed the soothing *sponge. It was the last straw* when the Sunderland Bennett Gary, toed a shot from his coventry brother David over the bar for a corner.

SCORER.—Sunderland: Moore (11 min).
Coventry City: Ogrizovic, Stephens, Pearce, Hibbitt, Butterworth, McGrath, D. Bennett, Glyn, Regis, Gibson, Adams (Bowman, 75 min).
Sunderland: Turner, Venison, Pickering, G. Bennett, Chisholm, Elliott, Lemon, Wallace, Moore, (Cummins, 60 min), Berry, Walker.
Referee: A. Robertson (Radcliffe).

RESULTS

FA CUP.—Semi-finals: Luton 1, Everton 2 (after extra-time, score at 90min 1-1); Man United 2 Liverpool 2 (after extra-time, score at 90min 1-1. Replay Wed, 7.30 Man City).
CANON LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION.—Arsenal 1, Nottingham Forest 1; Coventry 0, Sunderland 1; Ipswich 1, Shefl Wed 2; Leicester 1, Tottenham 2; Newcastle 1, QPR 0; Watford 2, Norwich 0; West Ham 1, Chelsea 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	32	21	6	5	71	35	69
Manchester Utd.	35	19	8	8	67	37	65
Tottenham	34	19	7	8	64	38	64
Sheffield Wed.	35	15	13	7	52	37	58
Liverpool	33	16	9	8	49	25	57
Southampton	35	16	9	10	47	42	57
Arsenal	35	16	8	11	54	43	56
Nottm Forest	35	16	6	13	50	42	54
Chelsea	34	13	11	10	49	39	50
Aston Villa	35	13	10	12	48	47	49
WBA	35	13	6	16	46	52	45
Newcastle	35	11	12	13	49	62	45
QPR	36	11	11	14	44	50	44
Leicester	36	12	6	18	56	62	42
Norwich	34	11	9	14	38	50	42
Watford	34	10	11	13	61	60	41
West Ham	33	9	11	13	41	54	38
Sunderland	35	10	8	17	37	50	38
Ipswich	33	9	9	15	33	48	36
Luton	32	9	8	15	41	53	35
Coventry	32	10	4	18	35	52	34
Stoke	34	3	8	23	20	71	17

SCOTTISH FA CUP.—Semi-Final: Dundee Utd 0, Aberdeen 0 (Replay Wed, 7.30 Tynecastle). Motherwell 1, Celtic 1 (Replay, Wed 7.30 Hampden Pk).
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION.—Dundee 1, Dumbarton 0.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION. — Ayr 5, Airdrie 1, Clyde 2, Forfar 1; Clydebank 5, Brechin 1; Hamilton 2, East Fife 1; Kilmarnock 2, Partick Th 0; Meadowbank 0, Falkirk 1. Leading positions: Clydebank (P 35 Pts 44); 2, Motherwell (34-42); 3, Falkirk (35-41); 4, Airdrie (35-39).
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION. — Albion Rovers 4, Alloa 1; Cowdenbeath 1, Queen of South 1, E Stirlingshire 0, Dunfermline 0; Montrose 2, Stranraer 1; Raith Rovers 2, Arbroath 1; Stenhousemuir 1, Berwick 1; Stirling Alb 1, Queen's Park 0. Leading positions: 1, Montrose (P 33, Pts 46); 2, Alloa (34-44); 3, Dumbar (33-42).
FA TROPHY. — Semi-Final, second leg: Boston Utd 3, Altrincham 2 (Agg 3-2); Wealdstone 0, Enfield 1 (Agg 2-1). Final at Wembley, May 11.
NORTH-WEST COUNTIES CUP. — Semi-finals: Leek 2, Congleton 1; Radcliffe Boro 1, Clitheroe 0. League: Burscough 3, Glossop 1; Formby 2, Penrith 1; Netherfield 1, Curzon Ashton 1; Prescot Cables 0, Bootle 0; St Helens 1, Lancaster City 0.
SHERNOFF IRISH LEAGUE. — Barons 2, Carrick 0; Coleraine 3, Ballymena 0; Glenavon 0, Linfield 0; Glentoran 1, Chimnville 1; Larne 3, Ards 0. Postponed: Glentoran v Distillery.

SECOND DIVISION.—Barnsley 2, Huddersfield 1; Cardiff 1, Blackburn 2; Charlton 0, Wimbledon 1; Grimsby 4, Man City 1; Leeds 4, Crystal Palace 1; Middlesbrough 2, Fulham 0; Oldham 0, Shrewsbury 1; Portsmouth 1, Birmingham 3; Sheff United 0, Carlisle 0; Wolves 1, Oxford Utd 2.

YESTERDAY

Notts County (0) 1 — Brighton (0) 2
Richards (4,671) — O'Reilly, Kraay

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford Utd.	35	21	7	7	67	29	70
Birmingham	36	20	6	10	50	32	66
Portsmouth	37	17	14	6	51	45	65
Blackburn	36	18	10	8	57	37	64
Manchester City	37	18	10	9	55	35	64
Brighton	37	17	11	9	42	28	62
Leeds Utd.	37	17	10	10	57	38	61
Shrewsbury	36	15	11	10	59	48	56
Grimsby	36	16	7	13	64	53	55
Barnsley	35	14	13	8	41	31	55
Fulham	36	16	6	14	58	59	54
Wimbledon	35	15	6	14	64	67	51
Huddersfield	35	14	9	12	47	50	51
Carlisle Utd.	37	13	7	17	46	54	46
Millwall Athl.	37	12	7	18	39	59	43
Sheffield Utd.	35	10	12	13	51	57	42
Charlton	36	10	9	17	44	57	39
Crystal Palace	35	8	12	15	39	58	36
Middlesbrough	37	8	9	20	37	52	33
Wolves	37	7	8	22	33	65	29
Notts. County	36	7	6	23	38	68	27
Cardiff	36	6	8	22	39	72	26

GOLA LEAGUE.—Barrow 1, Worcester 0; Dagenham 0, Scarborough 2; Frickley 2, Bath 0; Gateshead 4, Kidderminster 1; Nuneaton 1, Barnet 1; Runcorn 1, Maidstone 4; Telford 1, Kettering 1; Weymouth 1, Norwich Vic 0.
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.—Barking 1, Wycombe W 2; Bognor 3, Leytonstone/Ilford 1; Carshalton 2, Hayes 1; Croydon 2, Billericay 2; Harrow 2, Epsom 1; Hendon 2, Walthamstow Ave 2; Hitchin 1, Dulwich Hamlet 2; Slough 0, Worthing 2; Sutton Utd 4, Bishop's Stortford 2; Tooting 1, Windsor 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE. Burton Alb 1, Marine 1; Gainsborough 1, Bangor 1; Grantham 0, Chorley 3; Mossley 4, Sth Liverpool 0; Oswestry 5, Worksop 3; Rhyl 0, Horncastle 0; Stafford R 1, Horwich 1; Witton Alb 0, Macclesfield 2; Workington 3, Goole 2.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION. — Southampton 2, Portsmouth 1; Swansea 4, Reading 1; Tottenham 1, Arsenal 1, Brighton 1, Fulham 2.
GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Bideford 3, Devizes 0; Bristol C 2, Barnstaple 0; Clevedon 2, Clandown 2; Exmouth 0, Saltash 3; Melksham 2, Taunton 2; Minehead 2, Chippenham 2; Shepton Mallet 1, Liskeard 1; Weston-super-Mare 0, Frome 1.

THIRD DIVISION.—Bournemouth 4, Walsall 1; Bolton 3, Newport 1; Bristol Rovers 1, Bristol City 0; Burnley 2, Cambridge U 0; Derby 0, Bradford C 0; Hull 5, Orient 1; Lincoln 1, Brentford 1; Plymouth 1, Wigan 0; Preston 2, Millwall 1; Reading 0, Swansea 1; Rotherham 1, Gillingham 0.

YESTERDAY

Doncaster R (1) 3 — York C (0) 0
Harle, Deane, G. Snodin — (3,816)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford City	39	24	9	6	64	34	81
Hull City	40	21	12	7	68	43	75
Millwall	38	20	10	8	57	35	70
Gillingham	38	20	7	11	63	52	67
Bristol City	38	20	6	12	60	40	66
Bristol Rovers	38	19	9	10	55	39	66
Rotherham	40	17	11	12	53	45	62
Walsall	38	17	10	11	54	43	61
Bournemouth	40	17	9	14	49	41	60
York City	40	16	8	16	60	53	56
Derby County	39	15	11	13	53	47	56
Reading	38	16	8	12	53	47	56
Doncaster Rov.	39	15	7	17	61	59	52
Newport Co.	38	13	12	13	50	52	51
Plymouth Argyl	39	12	12	15	53	59	48
Bolton W.	41	14	6	22	60	63	47
Brentford	38	12	10	16	51	60	46
Lincoln	38	10	15	13	44	41	45
Wigan Ath.	37	10	12	15	39	48	42
Preston N.E.	39	12	5	22	46	84	41
Burnley	39	9	12	18	53	61	39
Orient	38	10	9	20	47	71	39
Swansea City	39	9	9	21	44	72	36
Cambridge Utd.	38	3	8	27	32	80	17

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Bedworth 3, Folkestone 2; Chelmsford 0, Gravesend 0; Cheltenham 2, Willenhall 1; Gloucester 1, Witney 0; Hastings 0, Crawley 2; King's Lynn 2, Shepshed 0; R.S. Southampton 7, A.P. Leamington 1; Trowbridge 1, Alvechurch 2; Wellg 2, Corby 0. Midland Division: Banbury 2, Sutton Coldfield 1; Bromsgrove 0, V.S. Rugby 1; Coventry Sp 1, Rushden 1; Forest Gn 0, Arlesbury 3; Hednesford 0, Wellingboro 3; Merthyr Tydfil 1, Stourbridge 2; Moorn Gn 5, Dudley 3; Redditch 1, Oldbury. Southern Division: Ashford 0, Sheppey 1; Cambridge C 1, Andover 0 (at Andover); Canterbury 2, Woodford 3; Chatham 2, Tonbridge 1; Dover 0, Waterlooville 2; Dunstable 2, Addlestone 2; Erith 0 Basingstoke 2; Hillingdon 2, Gosport 1; Salisbury 3, Thanet 1.
DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE. — Billingham 0, Peterlee 2; Shildon 1, Ferryhill 2; Consett 2, Nth Shields 1; Ryhope 2, Gretna 0; Seaham 0, Crook 0; Bishop Auckland 5, Blyth 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE.—First Division: WBA 2, A Villa 1. Second Division: B'pool 2, S'land 1.
YESTERDAY.—KPL President's Cup, Semi-final, 2nd Leg: Rivl 2, Matlock 1 (Agg 2-1). Southern Premier: Gloucester 1, Welling 1; Southern South: Cambridge C. 0, Poole 0.

FOURTH DIVISION. — Crewe 1, Bury 0; Hartlepool 2, Colchester 1; Hereford 1, Scunthorpe 0; Mansfield 2, Halifax 1; Peterborough 1, Southend 4, Port Vale 1, Aldershot 2; Rochdale 2, Exeter 0; Swindon 2, Northampton 0; Torquay 2, Chester 0; Tranmere 0, Chesterfield 1; Wrexham 1, Darlington 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	38	22	11	6	58	32	77
Darlington	38	21	11	6	56	37	74
Bury	38	21	10	8	63	41	73
Blackpool	38	21	9	8	59	33	72
Hereford Utd	38	20	10	8	57	33	70
Colchester Utd	38	18	11	10	77	57	65
Crewe Alex	40	18	9	13	58	56	63
Scunthorpe Utd	40	17	11	12	71	52	62
Swindon T	40	18	7	15	51	51	61
Tranmere Rov	38	19	4	17	71	59	60
Peterborough	40	16	11	13	51	47	59
Port Vale	39	12	15	12	60	48	51
Hartlepool	40	13	10	17	50	56	49
Mansfield	38	11	15	12	35	31	48
Aldershot	37	13	8	16	44	54	47
Southend Utd	40	12	11	17	57	76	47
Exeter City	40	12	11	17	54	74	47
Stockport Co	37	12	7	18	53	64	43
Rochdale	36	10	10	16	42	52	40
Torquay Utd	39	9	12	18	34	53	39
Chester	38	10	8	20	46	60	38
Halifax T	40	11	4	25	31	62	37
Wrexham	38	9	8	22	56	67	35
Northampton T	38	8	4	27	42	72	28

WEST GERMAN BUNDESLIGA.—Eintracht Brunswick 0, Bayer Leverkusen 2, Arminia Bielefeld 2, Bochum 3; Bayern Munich 3, Schalke 0; Cologne 2, Eintracht Fr

David Davies reports from Augusta

Mounting casualties over assault course

GOLF

AFTER three rounds of the 49th US Masters in Augusta, Georgia, 14 players were within four shots of the lead, and a further seven were only one shot worse, in theory, more players had a chance of winning the title than in almost any championship in recent history.

That is because many of the challengers failed to take the kind of chances they would normally have seized, with the result that Ray Floyd, with a four-under-par 212, led by one shot from Curtis Strange and by two from Bernhard Langer and Severiano Ballesteros.

Three shots behind came Tom Watson, and those three shots were covered by the four three-putt nightmares he had in the third round, the first time he could remember doing such a thing.

Gary Hallberg, four behind, took 42 to come home, and the six dropped shots took him from the outright lead to eighth, while Ballesteros, of all people, twice took two in a bunker.

A mish-mash of similar golfing errors meant that, for the first time in Masters history, a man who took 80 in the first round had a real chance of winning. Strange scored 80, 65, and 68 for the first three rounds and initial researches indicated that you have to go back to the 1920s to find a major championship won with a score of such proportions in the total.

The course, and the way it has been set up, must be responsible for such a relatively patternless Masters. The pins have been placed in some cruel and occasionally impossible positions, which meant that sooner or later everyone was going to make a major mistake.

The flag on the short 12th, for instance, was set very close to the front bunker for the third round, and in trying to get near, Craig Stadler found the sand. Then, trying to finesse his recovery he left the ball in the bunker twice, and took a triple-bogey six. He ended with a third-round 76, and yet, at 216 and only four behind, still had a real chance of his second Masters green jacket.

Ballesteros was left with n even better chance of his third title at the end of the third round, but a man with a short game such as his must have rued his bunker shots at the ninth and 12th. On the firt occasion he simply got too greedy and failed to get ot at all, and at the 12th his ball was buried in the top lip.

After the first round Ballesteros had said that if he were level-par after three rounds he would have a good chance, and an informal poll of among 10 American golf writers after the third round evealed that seven of them favoured the Spaniard, two of them went for Watson and only one for Floyd.

This year Floyd had, for the first time, sat down and written out his tactics for the tournament. He constructed a plan to play each hole, depending on the conditions, and intended to stay with it regardless of whether he was going well or badly.

"The key is in not getting so far behind that you have to gamble," he said.

Langer was paired with Ballesteros for the last round, which he said did not bother him. But after they played together in the final round of the Openlast year, Langer later accused Ballesteros of trying to intimidate him. Fortunately, they later resolved their differences.

Sandy Lyle, only three shots behind after two rounds, had a disappointing 76 in his third, which left him seven behind. His only disaster ws a visit to the water at the short, 12th but that led to a homeward half of 40, four over par. He was still two shots ahead of Nick Faldo and Sam Torrance, though, as the European challenge, at least from that quarter, faded.

Faldo tnd Torrance made a brighter showing as the final round started, going out in 35 and 36 respectively, blt for them it was a ease of too little, too late.

THIRD ROUND LEADERS

212—R. Floyd 70, 73, 69.
213—C. Strange 80, 65, 68.
214—B. Langer (W Ger) 72, 74, 68; S. Ballesteros (Sp) 72, 71, 71.
215—L. Trevino 70, 73, 72; T. Watson 69, 72, 75; Gary Cuck 72, 70, 73.
216—H. Sutton 77, 69, 70; C. Stadler 73, 67, 76; B. Lietzke 72, 71, 73; G. Hallberg 68, 73, 75; P. Stewart 69, 71, 76; J. Thorpe 73, 71, 72; D. Graham (Aus) 74, 71, 71.
217—F. Couples 75, 73, 69; J. Mahaffey 72, 75, 70; W. Levi 75, 72, 70; I. Aoki (Jap) 72, 74, 71; J. Mertens 71, 74, 2; S. Randolph 70, 75, 72; L. Wadkins 72, 73, 72.
218—Jerry Haas 76, 69, 73; Jay Haas 73, 73, 72.
219—S. Lyle (GB) 78, 65, 76.
221—N. Faldo (GB) 73, 73, 75; S. Torrance 73, 73, 75.

WATCH THE BIRDIE: Ray Floyd triumphs at the 16th before finishing as third-round leader

David Irvine in Dallas

Lendl races to record treble

TENNIS

Ivan Lendl became the first European to win the WCT title for the second time in Dallas yesterday when he defeated the American, Tim Mayotte, 7-6, 6-4, 6-1 as the hands of the electric clock in the Reunion Arena stood directly on the noonday mark. His three victories for the £125,000 championship had encompassed exactly 40 hours — a remarkable achievment.

More remarkable still was the fact that the Czech had completed a three-week run to win successive titles at Fort Myers on cement, Monte Carlo on clay and Dallas on carpet. Never before has that been done in professional tennis.

Perhaps not surprisingly it was a rather disapointing and one-sided climax. With John McEnroe having lost in his opening match and Jimmy Connors having defaulted to Lendl midway through their semi-final with a back injury, Mayotte stepped bravely into the breach but — with a few exceptions in the first set — looked a little out of his depth.

Mayotte's problem was that he could not handle Lendl's serve. He did take 12 points off the Czech in the first set, mainly early on when he scored his only break but could gain only four in the second and three in the third.

Had Lendl's backhand been working anything like normally it might well have been the fastest final on record. As it was his ground strokes on the backhand side were littered with mishits and misdirections — at least, until he found his rhythm towards the end.

The WCT, who love slogans, held the match as the "brenkfast shoot-out" It was Lendl, however, who enjoyed the meal. Mayotte played a brave attacking game, covering the net well and picking off some spectacular volleys. All too often, though, the sheer power of Lendl's shots made it impossible for him to control the ball.

It was the 45th title that Lendl had won since 1980 — McEnroe has had three more in the same period — and his grumbling at having had to swap surfaces and continents to win it faded away when he learnt that he had a unique treble in his grasp. "Can anyone find me a grass-court tournament next week?" he asked with a self-satisfied grin.

Mayotte may not have won but there is little doubt that his performance in Dallas suggests he can have a good Wimbledon. "The difference in my game now," he said, "is that I'm acting instinctively instead of being analytical. I was trained in the think-through process and it's difficult to move in the other direction. But I'm getting better at it."

Lendl's asnoyance at having to get up for a match which began at 9.48 am perhaps accounted for his uncertain start. Mayotte recovered an early break in the first set, saved a set point at 4-5 but was unable to hang on in the tie-break after leading 3-1. Thje second set saw Lendl grow ever stronger, though the only break came in the ninth game when the American double-faulted. The third set lasted for only 26 minutes.

While Lendl now moves on to a four-man exhibition event in Tokyo, Connors anounced from Los Angeles that he would be out of the game for at least two weeks. He had ripped a muscle in his lower back in Saturday's semi-final and had to default for only the third time in a 13-year professional career.

Clive Everton at the World Championship

Griffiths and Meo start in the pink

SNOOKER

Assuming Steve Davis beats David Taylor, as he always has except in the 1982 Jameson International quarter-final, either Alex Higgins or Terry Griffiths will be the champion's quarter-final opponent in the Embassy World Championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.

Higgins, whose 10-5 defeat by Dennis Taylor in Belfast last Thursday ended his tenure of the Irish title, was not extended in beating Dean Reynolds, a 22-year-old left-hander from Grimsby 10-4 while Griffiths prevtiled 10-3 over the former World Professional Billiards champion, Rex Williams.

Reynolds did not do himself justice on Saturday as he fell 8-1 behind, but played much better yesterday in winning three of the five frames, one with a break of 64. By that time, however, it was only the score rather than the result which was in any doubt.

Six months before Griffiths won the World title at his first attempt six years ago, he lost 9-8 to Williams in the Coral UK qualifying after leading 8-2. Saturday's early frames were thick with mutual respect as Griffiths took 30 minutes to win the first on the pink, 52 to take the second on the black, and three hours 38 minutes to lead 6-1 overnight.

There was another two hours 48 minutes of similar fare yesterday morning which was more for the connoisseur than the easily bored, and the Welshman's break of 51 in his clinching frame was the highest in the contest. Nevertheless he has the class to respond to the entirely different tactical pattern which Higgins' style of play will impose, and Davis himself will not have forgotten how gruellingly was his 13-9 quarter final victory achieved last year.

Tony Meo resumed at 4-5 against John Virgo and looked in trouble when he lost the first frame of the day after his opponent had needed a snooker on the blue. Six frames in a row gave him victory at 10-6, and by the time he clinched the match with a break of 60, he could do nothing wrong, but in the four previous frames Virgo suffered a persistently cruel run of the balls.

Eddie Charlton, who first won the Australian title in 1964 and who has lost only once in that event, accrued a 8-1 overnight lead over his compatriot John Campbell.

The first frame had been in play 44 minutes before Charlton won it on the pink. Only the fourth, which Campbell took with a break of 71 lasted less than 20. Charlton, if not quite as steady as he was a few years ago, remains a formidable foe in this attritional kind of contest and Campbell could not play well enough to dictate a different pattern himself.

EMBASSY WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Sheffield). — First round: D. Mountjoy (Evesham, Herefd) beat M. McLeod (Edinburgh) 10-6; David Taylor (Manchester) beat D. O'Kane (NZ) 10-4.

T. Meo (Morden) beat J. Virgo (Guildford) 10-6. Second-session frame scores (Meo first): 61-65, 65-7, 65-50, 65-52, 71-59, 76-35, 105-17. T. Griffiths (Llanelli) beat R. Williams (Stourbridge) 10-3. Second session frame scores (Griffiths first): 11-115, 74-35, 61-0, 63-52, 3-65, 75-51.

E. Charlton (Aus) leads J. Campbell (Aus) 8-1. First Session Frames (Charlton first): 59-47, 79-22, 115-1, 11-67, 59-20, 78-42, 66-24.

A. Higgins (Manchester) beat D. Reynolds (Grimsby) 10-4. Second Session Frames (Higgins first): 20-80, 57-7, 63-72, 68-75, 68-9.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME. — First Round, 10.30: K. Reardon (Stoke) v R. Hughes (Dublin); D. Taylor (Blackburn) v S. Francisco (USA). 3.0: W. Thorne (Leicester) v P. Fagan (Clapham); E. Charlton (Australia) v J. Campbell (Australia). 7.30: Taylor v Francisco; J. Parrott (Liverpool) v J. Spencer (Radcliffe).

CYCLING

Charles Burgess with the Paris-Roubaix

Madiot's piece of heaven

THE GREATEST one day cycle race in the world, the Paris-Roubaix, lived up to its nickname of Hell of the North yesterday.

The magnificent 83rd edition of the race on the wind and rainswept cobbled farm tracks of northern France ended with only 35 of the 172 starters making the final circuit of the Roubaix velodrome and those who did were scarcely recognisable as they were covered from head to toe in mud. They could all have been extras in the video for Thriller.

The winner, by nearly two minutes, was Marc Madiot who is only the second Frenchman to win the Queen of the Classics in 29 years. Madiot, 26 tomorrow, could afford to punch the air and blow muddy kisses to an ecstatic crowd as he cruised the final bend. He had won the amateur version several years ago but this puts him among the stars.

Second was his Renault team-mate Bruno Wojtinek and third was last year's winner, the Irishman Sean Kelly who was 12 second behind. Kelly beat the American Greg Lemond in a final sprint.

The drama had begun when the riders hit the first of 30 sections of pavé, the notorious cobbles that are preserved especially for the event. It was just before the halfway stage of the 265-kilometre race, and riders were dropping like flies in crash after crash. Tyres punctured with ease. It was like trying to find a way through a minefield and for many, with time lost, there was no point continuing.

MADIOT: muddied winner

A spill spelt the end of the victory hope of Francesco Moser, the darling of Italy and three-time winner. He made an attack to catch up with three men who had broken away, caught them, and was on his own until Erik Vanderaerden, the in-form Belgian, shot out of the leading pack which included Kelly. The Italian and Belgian were neck and neck, a couple of hundred metres clear, when, with 33 kilometres to go, Moser's bike slid from under him on the greasy surface.

By the time he had a replacement the others had surged past. Soon afterwards Vanderaerden was swallowed up too. He had made his break too soon.

That left seven men in contention and with 11 kilometres to go Madiot made his move with perfect timing. He took advantage of the others watching each other to sprint clear. They never saw him again.

Wojtinek sat on the back of the bunch, taking a breather and deliberately not helping the group catch his team-mate. Thus he was refreshed for the final kilometre when he came from the back.

Pat Rowley

Gladman sees red

HOCKEY

Chris Gladman, named player-of-the-tournament after the senior divisional a fortnight ago, finished the junior divisional at Loughborough in disgrace. He was shown a red card by umpire John Anderson after the final whistle.

No doubt frustrated at East's 3-2 defeat by Midlands — their third successive defeat in the final by that division — Gladman apparently expressed his view of Anderson's umpiring in language that would not be permitted on TV and certainly has no place on a sports field.

But since cards are only valid during a game, the East took the initiative and immediately suspended Gladman for nine days and, one trusts, firmly cautioned him as to his future behaviour considering he is a leading candidate for England's junior world cup team.

Midlands won the title for the fourth successive year, despite losing 3-0 to South in a group game. Much credit must go to coach Alwyn Twigg and manager Martin Greenhough.

Year after year they get the best out of their players. Yesterday they won despite the East's better technicians. Twigg modestly dismissed his efforts: "Winning is a habit now. We believe we would win, they didn't."

Midlands scored some excellent goals yesterday. Rob Thompson, a rangy centre forward in the Robbie Smith mould, collected five in the weekend. He took his chance well to give Midlands a 20th minute lead. Later, after Moat had equalised from the penalty spot, Thompson's forceful run enabled Benjamin to restore the lead.

East equalised a second time through the latest Vartan to come on the scene, but the always elusive Roberts hit a corker of a shot for Midlands late winning goal.

Rav Laly a player suspended for nearly three months for a red card offence earlier in the season, scored a vital goal for his club Slough on Saturday. It enabled Slough to beat Tulse Hill 2-1 and win the Atari London premier league.

Sevenoaks of Kent Division I caused a major upset in the Kent final by defeating London league side Beckenham 1-0 with a goal by John Dinnis.

Irish ride out the storm

Ireland destroyed England's hopes of a clean sweep in the Home Countries Women's Championships with a typically opportunist 1-0 victory at Grange Road, Dublin.

Outplayed for much of the game on a wet artificial pitch, Ireland had rarely threatened while England, with ample opportunity, squandered their chances and had only themselves to blame.

The England captain, Linda Carr, saw her comfortably-placed penalty stroke knocked on to a post and safety by Mary Geaney in the seventh minute but, when Ireland had a similar chance 10 minutes from time, the Irish captain, Noelle Branagan, made no mistake.

England opened the match with some of their best hockey of the season and, inspired by Karen Brown in full flow, threatened an avalanche. Lack of an effective central strike force and weak finishing nullified superb combination passing and opportunities created by Brown, Bannister and Sonyav.

With the Irish defence led expertly by Branagan gaining confidence, their front three of Sloan, Potter and Metnown later breached England's ranks with some ease.

Janet Ruff

Dilip Rao

Baddeley ends jinx

BADMINTON

Steve Baddeley, England's No. 1, held off a spirited challenge from last year's winner, Andy Goode, to regain after three seasons the men's singles title in the English National Championships yesterday. He won 15-11, 18-17.

Although a vastly improved player since his last triumph — he was a quarter-finalist at the recent All-England and had some oustanding results in the Thomas Cup competition last year — Baddeley had not won another singles championship in the intervening time except in an invitation tournament.

Having laid the jinx, Baddeley also won the men's doubles for the first time, in partnership with the old stager Mike Tredgett, another left hander, who has won the event 10 times in the last 14 years.

In the singles final, Goode who was not seeded to progress beyond the quarter-finals, played exceedingly well, using some of his doubles expertise to keep Baddeley under pressure.

When Baddeley did attack, Goode defended soundly. If he did not stretch Baddeley further, or even beat him as he did when they last met, it was because he made errors at crucial stages, perhaps from over eagerness.

Fiona Elliott retained the women's singles title with a runaway win over the junior champion from Lancashire, 17-year-old Sarah Halsall.

The women's doubles final was a thriller, Gillian Clark and Gillian Bowers beating Gillian Gilks and Paula Kilvington over setting in the final game. Their win must have been particularly gratifying for the two Gillians because it was contrary to the wishes of both that the England selectors would not let them play together in the forthcoming world championships.

Miss Bowers, in the world championship, has been paired with Helen Troke, a singles specialist who it is believed wants to give up playing doubles in two years time.

GYMNASTICS

Wembley's tumble

Champions All has often been one of the most exhilaratingly notable events in the international calendar. Saturday's tournament at Wembley did not maintain the formidable standard it has set itself, *writes Benjamin Raphael.*

There were acres of empty seats, largely because the competition took place during the school holidays which restrict the marshalling of coachloads of children. The result was a sad lack of atmosphere. This was accentuated because the event was often held up as officials argued among themselves over the new judging code adopted after the Olympics.

RESULTS

Rugby League

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP

Featherstone R (13) 25, Bradford N (0) 7. Featherstone: Tries, Wilkinson (2), Lyon, Hawksworth; Goals, Quinn (2); DG, Bell. Bradford: Tries, D. Redfearn, Tengdahl; Goal, Parrish. (2,500).

Halifax (6) 10, Leeds (8) 20. Halifax: Tries, Crossley, T. Anderson; Goal, Agar. Leeds: Tries, Scruton, Heron, Hunt, Healey; Goals, Dick (2). (4,723).

Hull (6) 18, Castleford (8) 8. Hull: Tries, Patrick, Vass, Dannatt; Goals, Proctor (3). Castleford: Try, Marchant; Goals, Rose, Plange. (6,112).

Hull KR (4) 14, St Helens (10) 20. Hull KR: Tries, Meninga (3), Ledger; Goal, Day (5). Hull KR: Tries, Prohm, Miller, Lydiat; Goal, Fairbairn. (8,898).

Widnes (10) 34, Barrow (6) 6. Widnes: Tries, Carter (2), Bennett (2), Fieldhouse, O'Neill, Linton; Goals, Burke (3). Barrow: Try, Elliott; Goal, Irvine. (2,200).

Warrington (16) 38, Wigan (4) 14. Warrington: Tries, West, Wood, M. Ford; Goals: Gill (7). Wigan: Tries, Marsh, Graham (2); Goals, Diamond (3); DG: Diamond. (10,000).

Workington T. (12) 37, Warrington (14) 24. Workington: Tries: Thompson (2), Bower (2), Falcon, Mixon; Goals: Smith (6); DG: Hamlire. Warrington: Tries: M'Barki, Worrall, Fellows, M. Gregory, Cullen; Goals: Ford (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull K.R.	28	21	0	5	677	325	42
St Helens	27	20	1	6	794	458	41
Leeds	28	20	1	6	642	387	41
Wigan	27	18	1	8	680	451	37
Oldham	30	18	1	11	583	439	37
Widnes	28	15	0	13	574	489	30
Hunslet	29	15	0	14	451	483	30
Castleford	25	14	1	10	591	422	29
Bradford N.	26	14	1	11	528	425	29
Halifax	28	12	2	14	502	514	26
Leeds	29	12	0	17	528	434	24
Warrington	29	12	0	17	520	612	24
Barrow	27	9	1	17	445	761	19
Hull	28	7	1	20	450	658	15
Leigh	27	6	1	20	471	653	13
Workington	27	2	1	24	243	783	5

SECOND DIVISION

Bramley (10) 30, Doncaster (6) 10. Bramley: Tries, Mason (2), Kelly, Hardley, Shelley; Goals, Glanville; Goals, Bibb (3). Doncaster: Try, Noble; Goals, Harcombe (3). (803).

Bridgend (9) 17, Blackpool Borough (24) 42. Bridgend: Tries, A. N. Other (2); Goals, Alred (4); DG, Alred. Blackpool: Tries, Pendlebury (4), Price (2), Brennan, Greenall, Newby; Goals, Johns (2), Turley. (189).

Dewsbury (14) 46, Southend Invicta (4) 10. Dewsbury: Tries, Dunford (3), Mason (2), Scudfield, Richardson, Stephenson, Vasey; Goals, Dunford (5). Southend: Tries, Briscoe, Smith; Goal, Briscoe. (935).

Huddersfield (8) 10, Whitehaven (8) 10. Huddersfield: Tries, Meninga (3), Ledger; Goals

BBC-1

6 0 am Ceefax AM. 6 50 Breakfast Time. 9 20 Pages from Ceefax. 10 30 Play School. 10 50 Pages from Ceefax. 12 30 pm News after Noon. 12 57 Regional News. 1 0 Pebble Mill at One. 1 45 Chigley. 2 0 *Family History*. 2 25 *Streetwise*. Self-defence techniques. 2 35 Prima! German. 2 50 Songs of Praise from St Mary's Church, Stafford. Ceefax sub-titles. 3 25 World Snooker: World Professional Championship from Sheffield. 3 53 Regional news (except London and Scotland). 3 55 Bertha. 4 10 Captain Caveman. Cartoon. 4 20 Busker. 4 35 Dungeons and Dragons. Cartoon. 4 55 John Craven's Newsround. 5 5 Blue Peter. 5 35 Grange Hill. Ceefax sub-titles.

6 0 NEWS; Weather News.

6 35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.

7 0 WOGAN with Jimmy Nail from Auf Wiedersehen Pet, three day event ace Virginia Holgate, and karate expert Geoffrey Thompson. Also, the winner of the Conversationalist Of The Year contest — surely they couldn't have given it to anyone but himself?

7 40 *FAME: The Ballad Of Ray Claxton.*

8 30 THREE UP, TWO DOWN. Michael Elphick and Angela Thorne lead this new domestic sitcom as salt-of-the-earth Sam and grander Daphne — a couple *with nothing in common* except that his son is married to her daughter. But with a baby on the way, and a granny flat going begging, we're obviously heading straight for one of those rival relative scenarios.

9 0 NEWS; Weather News.

9 25 PANORAMA: Protecting The Unborn Child? As Enoch Powell's Bill to ban research on human embryos continues on its controversial way through Parliament supported by a majority of MPs and mass public petitions, Margaret Jay culls the views of both supporters and opponents of the Powell proposals. They include the Member for South Down himself and spokesmen for LIFE and SPUC on behalf of the Bill, Health Minister Kenneth Clarke and test tube baby pioneer Patrick Steptoe opposing it, plus two MPs who have personal experiences to affect their free vote. *See also World In Action, ITV 8 30.*

10 5 ROLLERBALL. James Caan, John Houseman lead Norman Jewison's futuristic fable set in a world where poverty, sickness, and crime have been eradicated, and the most popular spectator sport is a violent game designed to channel the anti-social feelings of audiences who demand ever greater thrills. Made in 1975. 12 5 Weather; close.

Northern Ireland: 5 35 pm Today's Sport. 5 40-6 0 Inside Ulster. 6 35-7 0 Taxi.
Wales: 5 35-6 0 pm Wales Today. 6 35-7 0 Grange Hill.

BBC-2

6 30-7 20 am Open University. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax. 10 25 World Snooker: World Professional Championship from Sheffield. 2 35 pm The House of Lords. Live coverage of the debate on the Local Government Bill, abolishing the GLC and Metropolitan Councils.

5 25 NEWS with sub-titles; weather.

5 30 NAUGHTY MARIETTA. Ah, sweet Jeanette MacDonald . . . First of three musicals featuring the famed partnership of MacDonald and Nelson Eddy is the 1935 movie that launched the warbling duo, she as French Princess on the run from an arranged marriage, he as her Yankee rescuer.

7 10 MADHUR JAFFREY'S INDIAN COOKERY. More repeated recipes, last of the series.

7 35 FLOWER OF THE MONTH: Rhododendrons, with Geoffrey Smith.

7 45 WORLD SNOOKER. On the fourth day of the World Professional Championship at Sheffield, David Vine brings highlights of the morning and afternoon action.

8 10 HORIZON: The Goddess of the Earth. Working for NASA in the *1960s on techniques for detecting* life on Mars, British scientist Dr James Lovelock began to expand a new hypothesis about life on Earth. The result was his controversial theory, which he propounds in this film, that *life* itself is responsible for perpetuating its own existence by manipulating and regulating the planet — making the atmosphere breathable, preventing the oceans from freezing over — to enhance its own survival.

9 0 SNOOKER. Further coverage from The Crucible.

9 30 THE YOUNG ONES: Boring. Another repeated episode of the alternative sitcom.

10 5 ARENA: Them And Uz. A profile of working class poet Tony Harrison, contrasting his writing on everyday themes, often in the vernacular of his northern background, with his other work as linguist and translator, and as acclaimed dramatist, most recently of the mystery plays staged at the National.

10 55 NEWSNIGHT including an extended report on the House of Lords debate on the Bill to abolish the GLC and the metropolitan counties. 11 40 Weatherview.

11 45 WORLD SNOOKER.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 9 25 News Headlines; Sesame Street. 10 25 Whistle in the Wind. 10 45 The Gift of Earth — Fiji. 11 10 Fabulous Funnies. 11 30 About Britain. 12 0 Alphabet Zoo. 12 10 pm Let's Pretend. 12 30 Baby & Co. 1 0 News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 30 Film: Long Journey Back. 1978 drama with Stephanie Zimbalist, Mike Connors, Cloris Leachman. 3 25 News Headlines. 3 30 The Young Doctors. 4 0 Alphabet Zoo. 4 15 Batfink. 4 20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4 45 Dramarama. Oracle sub-titles. 5 15 Diffrent Strokes.

5 45 NEWS; weather.

6 0 THAMES NEWS.

6 25 HELP! with Viv Taylor Gee.

6 35 CROSSROADS.

7 0 WHAT'S MY LINE. Eamonn Andrews introduces more odd jobbers.

7 30 CORONATION STREET. Oracle sub-titles.

8 0 ROLL OVER BEETHOVEN. Back after only *the briefest of intervals* for a second series, the Marks and Gran sitcom finds piano teacher Belinda living in with her rock-star lover — a situation incompatible, reckon the Church Committee, with her role as organist. But then comes a development which forces the worthies to backpedal . . . Liza Goddard, Nigel Planer the pair.

8 30 WORLD IN ACTION. Now that Panorama is in a late slot, it's possible to watch both the night's major current affairs programmes. Which enable all those interested in the surrogate *mother issue to get a double view* (and those not so interested get other choices). The Granada programme has film of a Los Angeles clinic where three human embryos are being implanted in a woman's womb after eight months in a deep freeze. They were created in a laboratory dish from the sperm and eggs of a childless couple — but they will be carried by a surrogate mother.

9 0 CELEBRITY: Part 3. Final, torrid episode of the Texas-set mini series.

10 0 NEWS AT TEN; weather.

10 30 CELEBRITY continued and concluded.

11 45 INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINERS. Another concert double bill, featuring The Drifters and Bertice Reading.

12 40 NIGHT THOUGHTS with Mathoor Krishnamurti. Close.

Channel 4

2 30 Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War, 22: The Prisoners. 3 0 Their Lordships' House. Live coverage of the debate on the Local Government bill to abolish the GLC *and the Metropolitan authorities.* 4 50 Isaura the Slave Girl. Soap opera from Brazil.

5 30 I COULD DO THAT. 1: Young People In Business. Four young entrepreneurs from the North-east, each with a bright idea they want to develop.

6 0 WHERE IN THE WORLD? Ray Alan hosts another round of the travel quiz.

6 30 ATHOS: Images Of Faith. Following Good Friday's film on the monastic communities of Mount Athos, this sequel records the great display of Byzantine paintings to be found there.

7 0 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS. 7 50 Comment by Czech journalist Karel Kyncl. Weather.

8 0 BROOKSIDE.

8 30 MANN'S BEST FRIENDS. A chaotic household of tenants and animals, loosely administered by the feckless Mr Mann (Barry Stanton) is the setting for this new sitcom penned by the experienced Roy Clarke.

9 0 END OF EMPIRE. 1: The Beginning Of The End. Forty years ago Britain ruled over more people and more territory than any imperial power in the history of the world. The story of the devolution of that power in the years since the war is traced, country by country, in Granada's massive *new history project.*

10 0 WOOLDRIDGE AT THE MASTERS. Sports writer and golf addict, Ian Wooldridge, offers his impressions of a week in Augusta, Georgia, formed during his first visit to the US Masters tourney.

10 45 TENNIS: The WCT Finals. Simon Reed, David Lloyd with live satellite coverage of the big money men's singles decider in Dallas. 12 30 close.

S4C: 1 0 pm Silents Please: Girls in Danger. 1 30 People's Court. 2 0 Cei Cocos. 2 15 Egwyl. 3 0 Their Lordships' House. 4 50 Lowri a'r Capten. 5 0 Straeon y Byd. 5 30 Ever Thought of a Sport? 6 0 No Problem. 6 30 Talent — Iau. 7 0 Newyddion Saith. 7 0 Arolwg. 8 0 Mapp and Lucia. 9 0 Snwcer. 9 40 *Y Byd ar Bedwar. 10 10 The Single Life.* 10 55 WCT Tennis Finals. 12 30 Diwedd.

Anglia

6 15 As London.
10 26 Cartoon Time.
10 40 The Fabulous Funnies.
11 15 Fireball XL5.
11 30 As London.
1 20 Anglia News.
1 30 Film: The Limbo Line. 1967 thriller with Craig Stevens and Kate O'Mara.
3 25 As London.
5 15 Emmerdale Farm.
5 45 News.
6 0 About Anglia.
6 30 Bygones Special.
7 0 As London.
12 45 Reflections; close.

Central

6 15 As London.
9 25 Sport Billy.
9 45 Mr Smith.
10 15 The Man from Button Willow.
11 30 As London.
1 20 Central News.
1 30 Film: The Bishop's Wife. 1947 romance with Cary Grant, Loretta Young.
3 25 As London.
5 15 Happy Days.
5 45 News.
6 0 Central News.
7 0 As London.
12 40 Close.

Channel

6 15 As London.
9 25 Little House on the Prairie.
10 15 A Chance to Meet.
10 25 A Story of Tutankhamen.
11 15 The Natural Environment.
11 30 As London.
1 20 Channel News.
1 30 *Dreams.*
2 0 Film: Saturday Night Fever. 1977 disco musical with John Travolta.
4 0 As London.
5 12 Puffin's Pla(i)ce.
5 15 The Young Doctors.
5 45 News.
6 0 Channel Report.
6 30 Who's the Boss.
7 0 As London.
12 40 News in French; close.

Granada

6 15 As London.
9 25 Once upon a Time . . . Man.
9 50 The Poseidon Files.
10 45 Mystery, Myth and Legend.
11 5 Fireball XL5.
11 30 As London.
1 20 Granada Reports.
1 30 *Film: These Three.* 1936 drama with Merle Oberon and Miriam Hopkins.
3 15 Wild Animal Families.
3 25 Granada Reports News.
3 30 Scramble!
4 0 As London.
5 15 The Beverly Hillbillies.
5 45 News.
6 0 Scramble!
6 30 Granada Reports.
7 0 As London.
12 40 Close.

HTV

6 15 As London.
9 25 The Notorious *Jumping Frog of* Calaveras County.
9 50 Gather Your Dreams.
10 15 Unicorn Tales.
10 40 *The Fabulous* Funnies.
11 10 Pick Up Your Feet.
11 30 As London.
1 20 HTV News.
1 30 Film: Dodsworth. 1936 drama with Walter Huston, Ruth Chatterton.
3 30 As London.
5 15 Whose Baby?
5 45 News.
6 0 HTV News.
7 0 As London.
12 45 Weather; close.

Wales: As West except: 6 0-7 0 pm Wales at Six.

South

6 15 As London.
9 27 Do It Daily; Sesame Street.
10 25 Matt and Jenny.
10 50 Wattoo Wattoo.
11 0 Fireball XL5.
11 30 As London.
1 20 TVS News.
1 30 Home Cookery Club.
1 35 Film: The Case of Charles Peace. 1948 historical crime drama with Michael Martin-Harvey.
3 30 As London.
5 15 *Sons and* Daughters.
5 45 News.
6 0 Coast to Coast.
6 40 Airmail.
7 0 As London.
12 40 *Company*; close.

South-West

6 15 As London.
10 25 The Spirit of *Malcolm Miller.*
11 15 Prairie Habitat.
11 30 As London.
1 20 TSW News.
1 30 Dreams.
2 0 *Film: Saturday* Night Fever. 1977 disco musical with John Travolta.
4 0 As London.
5 12 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays.
5 15 The Young Doctors.
5 45 News.
6 0 Today South West.
6 30 *Who's the Boss.*
7 0 As London.
12 40 Postscript; weather; close.

Tyne-Tees

6 15 As London.
10 25 Indian Legends of Canada.
11 20 As London.
1 20 North-east News; Lookaround.
1 30 Film: Fanny by Gaslight. 1944 melodrama with Phyllis Calvert, *James Mason.*
3 25 As London.
5 15 Diff'rent Strokes.
5 45 News.
6 2 Gambit.
6 30 Northern Life.
7 0 As London.
11 45 Caring for Confusion; Close.

Yorkshire

6 15 As London.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 Gather Your Dreams.
10 50 Land of the Dragon.
11 15 Abigail.
11 30 As London.
1 20 Calendar Headlines.
1 25 Help Yourself.
1 30 Film: Dentist in the Chair. 1961 comedy with Bob Monkhouse, Peggy Cummins.
3 5 Apple Dolls.
3 25 News Headlines.
3 30 A Country Practice.
4 0 As London.
5 15 Benson.
5 45 News.
6 0 Calendar.
6 30 Clegg's People.
7 0 As London.
12 40 Close.

Radio 1

6 0 am Adrian John. 7 0 Mike Read. 9 0 Simon Bates. 12 0 Gary Davis. 2 30 pm Steve Wright. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Janice Long. 10 0-12 0 John Peel.

Radio 2

4 0 am Howard Pearce. 6 0 Bill Rennells. 8 5 Ken Bruce. 10 30 Jimmy Young. 1 5 pm David Jacobs. 2 0 Gloria Hunniford. 3 30 Music All the Way. 4 0 David Hamilton. 6 0 John Dunn. 8 0 Alan Dell: Dance Band Days; Big Band Era. 9 0 Humphrey Lyttelton. 10 0 The Name's the Game. 10 30 Non-Stop Stutz. 11 0 Brian Matthew. 1 0 am Charles Nove. 3 0-4 0 Folk on 2. 4 45 approx. Big Fight Special. Live commentary on the World Middleweight fight between Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather.
7 0 News; Morning Concert.
9 0 News; This Week's Composer: Hindemith. Boston, Raglime (Jan Marcol, piano); String Quartet No 2 (Kreuzberger Quartet); Kammermusik No 1 (Ensemble *13 Baden-Baden/Reichert).*
10 0 Chopin (Ballade No 1; Nocturne Op 62 No 1) and Prokofiev (Ten pieces from Cinderella). Ramzi Yassa (piano).
10 35 The Hunt and the Hunter. Haydn: Symphony No 73 — La chasse (Academy of St Martin/ Marriner); Franck: Le chasseur maudit (Orchestre de Paris/ Barenboim).
11 15 Songs for Voice, Clarinet and Piano. Spohr: Six German songs; Stephen Dodgson: Gypsy Songs; Schubert: The Shepherd on the rock. Alison Truefitt (mezzo), Julia Rayson (clarinet), Allan Schiller (piano).
12 5 BBC Scottish SO/Jerzy Maksymiuk, Philip Hill (oboe). David Matthews: Introit; Handel: Oboe Concerto No 3; Mozart: Symphony No 39.
1 0 News; BBC Lunchtime Concert: Edith Vogel (piano). Sonatas by Schubert and Beethoven.
2 0 Music Weekly; Hindemith: reed organs; Glenn Gould's Bach.
2 45 New Records. Bach: Magnificat in D (Monteverdi Choir/English Baroque Soloists/Gardiner); Schubert's String Quartet in C (Cleveland Quartet, Yo Yo Ma, cello); Liszt: Fantasy on Hungarian Folk Songs (Jorge Bolet/LSO/Ivan Fischer); Castelnuovo-Tedesco: Capriccio diabolico (Alice Artzt, guitar); Smetana: From Bohemia's woods and fields (Bavarian RSO/ Kubelik).
4 55 News; *Mainly for Pleasure.*
6 30 Music for the Iron Voice. Desmond Hunter at the organ of Valere Cathedral, Sion, Switzerland. Two Anonymous Estampies; works by Conrad Paumann, Hans Buchner, Arnolt Schlick, Fridolin Sicher.
7 0 Garrick Ohlsson (piano). Mozart: Sonata in C; Scriabin: Poems; Two dances; Sonata No 5.
7 45 Of Cadres and Kings. S-East Asian life, 5: The Poppy and the Gun.
8 30 BBC SO/Mark Elder. Beethoven: Overture Coriolan; Tippett: Symphony No 1.
9 15 The Great Bilbo. Story by Fred Uhlman.
9 20 BBC SO, part 2. Brahms: Piano Concerto No 2 (Peter Donohoe).
10 20 BBC Singers in Hungary. Elgar: O wild west wind; Delius: *On Craig Dhu*; Musgrave: Rorate coeli; Holst: Evening watch; Bax: Mater ora filium.
11 0 Mozart and Shostakovich sonatas. Mark Lubotsky (violin), Boris *Berman (piano).*
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Week.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today including 7 0, 8 0 News.
8 35 The Week on 4.
8 43 Nigel Rees in the Sound Archives.
9 0 News; Start the Week with Richard Baker.
9 55 Gardeners' Sunday. Percy Thrower talks about gardens open in aid of Gardeners' charities.
10 0 News; Money Box. Finance advice.
10 30 Morning Story: Rich, Red Wine by John G. Miller.
10 45 Daily Service.
11 0 News; Down Your Way in Cobham, Surrey.
11 48 Poetry Please! Verse requests.
12 0 News; You and Yours.
12 27 King Street Junior, by Jim Eldridge. Classroom serial (4).
1 0 The World at One: News.
1 40 The Archers.
2 0 News; Woman's Hour. What makes us laugh — and why?
3 0 News; The Afternoon Play: — Regatta. Edwardian spy story by Douglas Young.
4 30 Young and Aspiring. Ambitious young people. 1: Charles Kennedy, MP, age 25.
4 40 Story Time: A Night to Remember, by Walter Lord (1).
5 0 PM. News Magazine.
6 0 The Six O'Clock News.
6 30 Nineteen Ninety-Four. 4: Progress Is Power. Futuristic comedy.
7 0 News; The Archers.
7 20 Click: Computerised cameras.
7 45 Science Now. From the Dunn Nutrition Laboratory. What makes people fat — or slim?
8 15 Monday Play: Summer Passions, by Michael Abbensetts. A model teenager with a secret life in the drug world.
9 20 Behind the Scenes with tenor Robert Tear.
9 45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
10 15 A Book at Bedtime: The Magic Toyshop, by Angela Carter (1).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 The Financial World Tonight.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 0 News; weather; shipping.

VHF: 1 55-3 0 pm Listening Corner. 11 0 Study on 4. 11 30-12 10 am Open University.

Wales (340m): 6 0 am As Radio 2. 6 22 Roy Noble. 7 33 AM. 10 3Mike Flynn. 11 30 Fair Play. 12 30 pm Meet for Lunch. 1 40 Catchphrase. 1 45 Alun Williams. 3 3 That's How it Was. 4 [illegible] Four-Five-Six. 5 0 As *Radio 4*. 7 [illegible] Catchphrase. 7 3 As Radio 4. 9 45 Oz Show. 10 15 Folk on Monday. 11 [illegible] am As Radio 2.
Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 6 25 Helo Bobol. 9 5 Brecwast Hywr. 9 45 Gwyntyd. 10 30 As Dra. 11 0 Newyddion Dda. 11 10 Sbonciwr Dduddiol. 12 27 pm Tramor. 1 0 As Radio 4. Awr. 7 20 Byd Natur. 7 50 O Glaw Glawr. 8 0 Gwyler Radio 4. 9 0 Pop Prynhawn. 6 0 Gwyler Wales. 7 [illegible] Gwyler Radio 4. 10 15 Newyddion Sion Tudno Radio Cymru. 11 30 Open University. 12 10 am-Chwa Gwyler Radio 4.
Scotland (37Bm): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 30 Good Morning Scotland. 8 45 Jimmy Mack. 11 3 Macgregor's Gathering. 12 0 News; In the Country. 12 30 pm Lunchtime Report. 1 0 As Radio 4. 1 40 Options. 2 3 Taking Issue with Colin Bell. 3 3 Arthur Butter. 5 0 Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News, Prospect. 6 35 Tell Me More. 7 3 Farming News. 7 20 The Musician in Scotland. 8 2 As Radio 4. 10 0 News; Tom Ferrie. 12 0 Close As Radio 4.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave 648Hz (463m) at the following times GMT: 6 0 am Newsdesk. 7 0 News. 7 9 Twenty-four Hours. 7 30 Sarah and Company. 8 0 News. 8 9 Reflections. 8 15 Goldfinger. 8 30 Anything Goes. 9 0 News. 9 9 British Press Review. 9 15 Waveguide. 9 25 Good Books. 9 40 Look Ahead. 9 45 Pebbles' Choice. 10 0 News. Science in Action. 10 30 Music Now. 11 0 News. 11 9 News About Britain. 11 15 The Art of Kathleen Ferrier. 12 0 Radio Newsreel. 12 15 pm Brain of Britain 1985. 12 45 Sports Roundup. 1 0 News. 1 9 Twenty-four Hours. 1 30 Sacred Symphonies. 2 0 Outlook. 2 45 At Home With . . . 3 0 Radio Newsreel. 3 15 Ralph McTell and Friends. 3 45 The Art of Kathleen Ferrier. 4 0 News. 4 9 Commentary. 4 15 Mediterranean Dialogue. 4 30 Behind the Universe. 4 45 This World Today. 5 0 News. 5 5 Book Choice. 5 15 My Word! 6 0 News. 6 9 Kings of Swing. 9 30 Counterpoint. 10 0 News. 10 9 The World Today. 10 25 Book Choice. 10 30 Financial News. 10 40 Reflections. 10 45 Sports Roundup. 11 0 News. 11 9 Commentary. 11 15 Behind the Universe. 11 30 Brain of Britain 1985. 12 0 News. 12 9 am News About Britain. 12 15 Radio Newsreel. 12 30 Sarah and Company. 1 0 News; Outlook. 1 30 Short story. 1 45 Land of a Thousand Dances. 2 0 News. 2 9 British Press Review. 2 15 Network UK. 2 30 Sports International. 3 0 News. 3 9 News About Britain. 3 15 The World Today. 3 30 John Peel. 4 0 Newsdesk. 4 30 Shakespeare and Music. 5 45 The World Today.

WAVELENGTHS: Radio 4—1,500m (200kHz) London only 417m (720kHz), VHF: Radio 3—247m (1,215kHz), VHF: Radio 2—433m (693kHz), 330m (909kHz), VHF: Radio 1—285m (1,053kHz), 275m (1,089kHz).

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THEATRES

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ALDWYCH THEATRE. 01-836 6404/041. CC 379 6233. Eves. 7.30. Wed. 2.30. Sat. 4.0 & 8.0. PAUL FELICITY EDDINGTON & KENDAL SIMON CADELL in TOM STOPPARD'S JUMPERS with ANDREW SACHS Directed by PETER WOOD

ALMEIDA THEATRE. 359 4404. Harwood's THE POSSESSED. Tues.-Fri. 15. Sat. Mat. 2 pm. LAST WEEK.

APOLLO THEATRE. SHAFTESBURY AVE. W. CC. 01-437 1692. 01-434 3598. Red. Price prevs. from April 20. Opens May at 7.00 JACK GILFORD in LOOK TO THE RAINBOW The musical history of Yip Harburg. A joyous night out" City Limits. Eves. Mon.-Fri. 8.0. Mats. Weds. 3.0. Sats. 5.0 & 8.15. Group Sales 930 6123.

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COTTESLOE. 928 2252 CC 928 5933 S (National Theatre's small auditorium) Ton't Fri. 7.30 Sat. 11.0 am THE NATIVITY. Tomor. Thur. 7.30, Sat. 3.30 THE PASSION.

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ADOPTION

APRIL 10, 1985 — EARL TRISTAN now permanently a MORRISON.

DEATHS

KERR (KATHERINE). — April 24 years. Widow of Roy Russell Kerr, much loved Mother of Catherine, Ann, Donald and David (deceased), formerly of Overstey House, Morley Green, Wilmslow. Service at Marriefield Crematorium, on Tuesday April 16, at 10.30 am. No flowers please.

COOPER DR. F.J. (HARRY). — On April 10, 1985, after sudden illness, at Talgarth, near Brecon. Husband of Isobel. Father of Diana, Julian, Marcia and Pat. Private funeral.

ELMORE. — On April 12, 1985, at home, GEOFFREY WILLIAM ELMORE, chief inspector for primary education H.M. Inspectorate of Schools. Husband of Diana and Father of Jeremy, Timothy, Jane, Nicholas, Elizabeth and Caroline. Service at St. John's Church, Woking, on Wednesday, April 17, at 3 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Jean Beare Unit Amenity Fund, Weybridge Hospital.

GRACY (BARBARA). — On April 11, 1985, peacefully at home, dearly loved wife of Sean, Mother of Michael, Christopher and Elizabeth and Daughter of Betty and the late Professor Erich Shneider. Requiem Mass at 55 Albans and Stephen, St Albans, Wednesday, April 17, 10 am, followed by interment at Croxton Road Cemetery, St Albans. Family flowers only please; donations if desired to Cancer Relief, 75 Dorset Square, London NW1 6QN. All inquiries to: Noble's Funeral Services, St Albans 51000.

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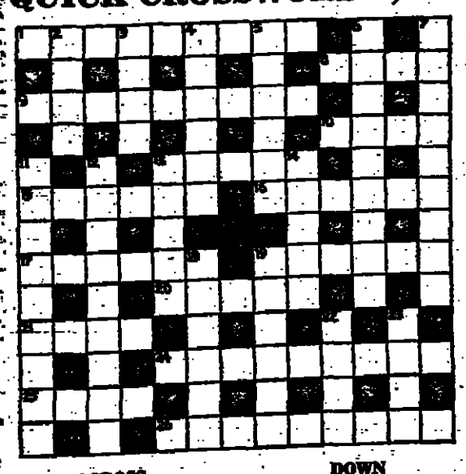

ACROSS
1 Store (weapons etc.) (9).
8 Stuff (4).
9 Contents of aristocratic veins? (4,5).
10 Cure (4).
13 Undress (5).
15 Sound like grass in wind (6).
16 Vale painted by Constable (6).
17 Nurture (6).
19 Bird of woods etc. (6).
20 Capital of Afghanistan (5).
23 Row or level (4).
24 One's first set (4, 5).
25 River or garden (4).
26 Galaxy — loved by Perseus (9).

DOWN
2 Story (4).
3 (Ship's) company (4).
4 Civil (6).
5 Brezhnev's forename (6).
6 Coast (verb) (4-5).
7 Tool — fulfill! (9).
11 One who gains from others' misfortunes (9).
12 Having two equal sides (9).
13 Well-groomed (5).
14 Danger (5).
18 Share of food etc. (5).
19 Gather (up) into wrinkles — it sounds the real McCoy! (6).
22 Seed (4)
23 It may go in shoe or shirt (4).

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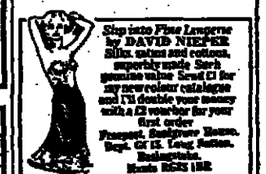
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White paper may urge more vetting and less immunity

Plans to exert greater controls over diplomats

By David Rose

New measures to deal with crimes committed by diplomats, including the vetting of all foreign embassy staff before they are allowed to live in Britain, are expected in a white paper to be published soon.

They have been drawn up in response to the Commons foreign affairs select committees report in January, which was itself initiated by the murder of a policewoman by a diplomat attached to the Libyan People's Bureau.

The committee's investigations disclosed 546 cases over the last 10 years where diplomats had committed crimes normally meriting at least a six-month prison sentence but had not been charged after claiming diplomatic immunity.

Besides the vetting of all staff after the submission of a biography, the committee called for the scanning of diplomatic baggage and the imposition of ceilings on the number of staff allowed at embassies where diplomats had committed serious offences.

Last night, Foreign Office sources suggested that the provision of biographies would not be a great innovation, as ambassadors and heads of missions already have to provide them.

There have already been moves to limit staff at embassies and send home those accused of offences without the possibility of their being replaced, and the sources said that the white paper may go further.

Such a course would not contravene the Vienna Convention on diplomatic privilege, to which Britain is a signatory. Neither, in certain circumstances, was it thought that electronic scanning of diplomatic baggage would automatically breach the convention. Changes would be introduced only if there was no fear of retaliation from other countries.

Since the Libyan bureau killing there have been other measures to curb offences by diplomats. A series of proposals aims to cut by nearly a quarter the 6,000 cars in London with diplomatic licence plates, which left untroubled on double yellow lines, contribute significantly to parking and traffic problems.

£15bn backlog on council maintenance

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

The government-appointed Audit Commission has warned that present levels of local authority spending are inadequate even to maintain the present unsatisfactory state of council housing, schools and roads.

In a report published today it notes that local authority capital spending has fallen by more than 40 per cent in real terms since the oil crisis in 1973.

It suggests that there is a backlog of maintenance work on council assets of £15 billion, that the backlog is growing by about £1 billion a year and that renovation will soon become prohibitively expensive.

The commission calculates that local authority spending is likely to decline from 75.5 billion last year to just over £3 billion in 1990. However, the commission avoids saying that public borrowing and expenditure should be increased to avert a collapse — a conclusion which would be politically unacceptable to the Government.

Instead, it suggests that councils could do more with their own resources if they were freed from the Government's present system of capital investment controls.

"The study reveals that the present systems do not achieve the level of annual control over local authority spending which the Government would like and which is its primary objective," the report says.

Councils underspent government targets by £529 million in 1981/2 and £870 million in 1982/3, then overspent by £368 million in 1983/4 and an estimated £800 million in 1984/5. Although these discrepancies almost balance, they have played havoc with the Government's planning totals, causing abrupt changes in policy.

The commission also says that investment has been wasted by delays to projects, pressure to spend before the year end, failure to plan ahead and abrupt curbs in programmes.

It lists cases such as the unnamed council whose officers accepted tender prices 90 per cent above normal during the Government's drive to get more investment just before the last election. As the council's officers explained: "We had this money to get rid of by March. The priority was: 'Can you do it in time?'"

The report gives examples of bureaucratic waste caused by GOvernment's control over specific projects. "The current very complex arrangements inevitably result in weak local accountability without delivering the desired controls. They hold the near-certain prospect of continued waste and inefficiency on an unacceptable scale as well as of continued overspending against Government targets," the report says.

Although it does not put a figure on present levels of waste, Mr John Banham, the commission's chief executive, said: "On the basis of this evidence we could well be looking at wasted capital expenditure measured in hundreds of millions of pounds."

The commission says that suggested reforms outside its remit. But the report suggests that the Government should abandon rigid annual control to allow councils to plan ahead for three to five years.

Councils should be allowed to increase rents to "economic" levels and plough some of this back into building and repair. The political consequences of such a move, including tenants' ability to pay and the extra burden on the DHSS through increased housing benefit, are not addressed.

The commission also suggests that councils should be freer to invest the proceeds of future sales of assets, although Mr Banham recognises that the accumulated capital receipts of £5 billion pose a danger to the Government's control of the economy.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, welcomed the report as a contribution to work which his department is already doing to reform the system of controlling councils' capital spending.

"I announced last September that I would invite the local authority associations to join in a review of the system. The commission's report will help that review, which is being pushed forward urgently," he said.

"The commission has concentrated on the local viewpoint; my review has to look also at the national economic interest." Mr Jenkin said he could not go along with the report's comments about levels of spending, but he welcomed the conclusions about the need for councils to generate more funds internally in order to reduce their reliance on new borowing.

Granada refutes Street gossip

By Dennis Barker

A ROW worthy of Ena Sharples or Albert Tatlock at their ripe and resounding best has broken out over the future of the 24-year-old Granada TV serial Coronation Street — said by one of its former writers yesterday to be on the verge of demolition by bulldozers because it was out of touch with modern lives and problems.

The revelation from Esther Rose, a veteran with 12 years on the programme, brought an angry response from Granada. A spokesman said: "This is absolutely a fantasy. There is no plan at all to close this country's most popular programme. Can you imagine why they would do that? Just to prove this is a fantasy we are just about to hold a long-term conference for programmes in 1986."

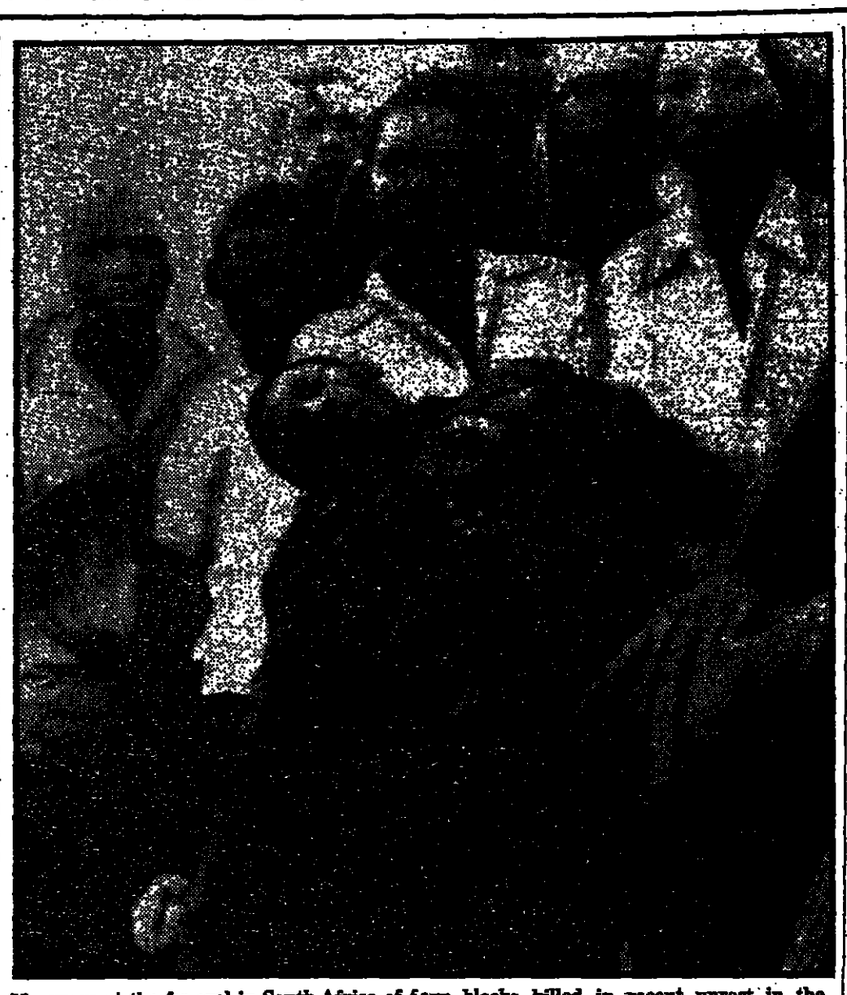
The series, with 20 million viewers and a permanent place among the weekly list of top 10 popular programmes, is doomed, according to Miss Rose, after a series of secret meetings by the television company's bosses.

"The programme is an immaculate production, not a soap opera which to me means something shoody,' she said. "But it is installed in a time or place that never was on land or sea except the womb. There is no sex or violence, they give an odd nod to unemployment but they always get back to work again, and people have affairs but go back to one another — that is all."

Coronation Street could not go on in the face of the attack by the BBC's new serial East-Enders, showing real life in city centres including black and Asian citizens, and from Granada's own The Practice, the medical centre serial dealing with vasectomy, abortions and other subjects never mentioned in the Rover's Return.

Two secret meetings took place where the show's demise had been discussed. One was on October 30, not at Granada's Manchester studios but at the Midland Hotel.

A few days later, Lord Bernstein, Granada's 85-year-old founder, now living in Bermuda, was unusually in Manchester. He would have had the casting vote on whether such a long-running serial could be axed. He favoured its demise.



Mourners at the funeral in South Africa of four blacks killed in recent unrest in the Eastern Cape carry away one of several people injured when police opened fire with shotguns and tear gas. Report page 8.

Brittan unlikely to authorise Hindley release

By Seumas Milne

The Moors murderer, Myra Hindley, has been recommended for relese on parole in the first official review of her cse since she was gaoled for life in 1966 for the killing of a 10-year-old boy and a teenage girl.

The recommendation that she should be released on "life licence" — which the Home Office has refused to confirm — was made by a local review committee in the first stage of the parole review procedure.

The papers outlining the local review committee's case that Ms Hindley should be released have been sent to the parole board, which will then make its own recommendation to the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, who has the final say.

It is widely expected that Mr Brittan will not agree to Ms Hindley's release, whatever the parole board's view. The Home Secretary said last month that the fact that Ms Hindley and her partner in the killings, Mr Ian Brady, were up for parole did not mean that they had met, or were near to meeting, the period of detention "necessary for retribution and deterrence."

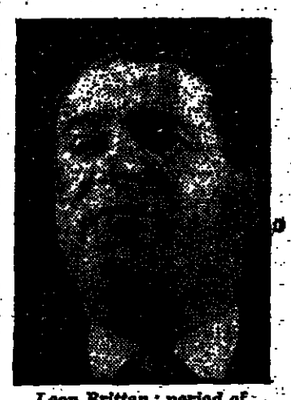
Mr Geoffrey Dickens, the Tory MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth — close to where the killings took place — said yesterday that he was "quietly confident" after talking to Mr Brittan that Ms Hindley would stay behind bars.

"If Myra Hindley was released I think she would be killed," he said. "I don't think there is any doubt about that."

The five-member local review committee which has recommended Ms Hindley's release is made up of people who live near Cookham Wood prison, near Rochester in Kent, where she is serving her sentence.

Ms Hindley was interviewed by a member of the committee as part of the investigation. She is regarded as a model prisoner, has apparently converted to Catholicism and has successfully studied for an Open University degree.

Lord Longford, who has taken a close interest in Ms Hindley and her case for many years, said last night: "My task is to keep my mouth closed, my fingers crossed and to keep praying for a happy outcome."



Leon Brittan: period of retribution 'not met'.

Victorian values attacked

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return to the fray with the bishop over the lecture in which Dr Jenkins put forward his proposals for a wages policy.

Many of Bishop Jenkins's views will be regarded as reasonable alternatives to present government's economic policies, but there will be resentment among Tory Party supporters about his repeated ridicule of Victorian attitudes. He said: "In the name of God and for the sake of our humanity we must insist that we cannot go backward into a 21st century version of the 19th century — that way destruction and misery lie."

Thatcher set to turn on critics

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on unemployment and the need to rebuild the economy.

Mrs Thatcher is understood to be adamant that she was right to comment on the miners' strike during her seven-nation tour, and that the Opposition were guilty of breaking the political tradition of not commenting on prime ministerial missions abroad while they are still going on.

On her way home yesterday, Mrs Thatcher, in a shimmering blue ankle-length dress, received a warm welcome in Saudi Arabia.

Largely recovered from the cold which had dogged her for 48 hours, she looked her jaunty self again

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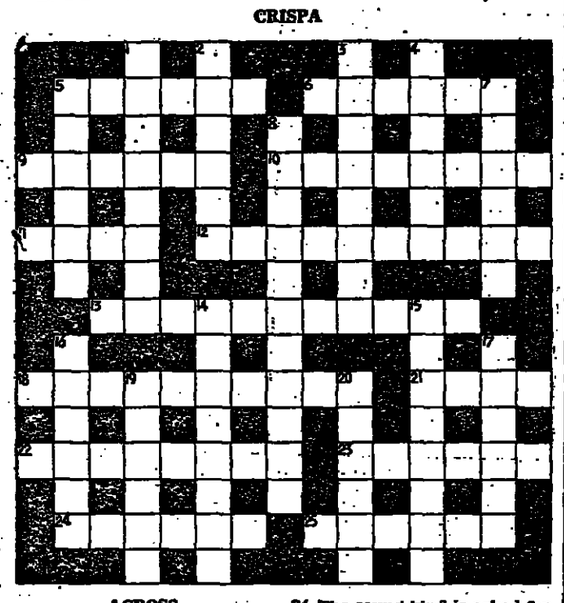


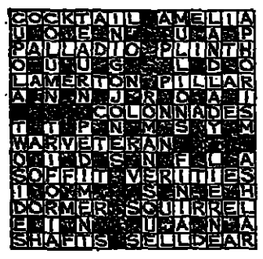
ACROSS

5 Mark understood what could divert young people (6).
6 Urges a reorganisation of tools (5).
9 Test for gold distribution (6).
10 A bit of journalistic work written on the quiet (8).
11 Capital growth (4).
12 Changes are good — try being disparaging (10).
13 He's used to working on a personal basis! (11).
18 The aim of lots is to be disagreeable (10).
21 Bellow for the right blade (4).
22 Solitary broadcast favouring a monarch (8).
23 The good man in a rush appears relaxed (6).
24 The sound kind is asked for (6).
25 Yield about fifty — possibly ten more (6).

DOWN

1 Investigation made when soldiers blast the church (8).
2 It's unfortunate about everything going for a song (6).
3 Get a dour eccentric really shocked (8).
4 To stop the use of some insecticides is thought advisable (6).
5 Call for a comedian (6).
7 Pay for example to acquire a household god (6).
8 The right way to take things (11).
14 Warning the girl affected to carry a key (3,5).
15 Under pressure to give up sweets (8).
16 They will present the new leader indoors (6).
17 Getting explosive about drink as a gift (6).
19 A stone of fish after making some deduction (6).
20 Be a sheepish creature and subject to attack (4,2).

Solution tomorrow



SOLUTION TO EASTER DOUBLE PUZZLE

Winners of this week's £25 prizes are: S. Barratt, of 32 Clive Avenue, St-Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire, and Mrs J. Waldren, of 3 Falkland House, 44 Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Runners-up (£10 book token each) are: Julia Barnshaw, of 33 Townscliff Lane, Mellor, Stockport; Mrs B. M. Smart, of 15 Thornfield Road, Middlesbrough; Mathew Loving, of 18 Quay Street, Newport, Isle of Wight; J. E. Hobson, of 59 Knowsley Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire, and Mrs B. Taylor, of 33 Hillhouse Drive, Billericay, Essex.

Todd agrees to a re-run of the transport workers' union ballot

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day? Let's get the thing dealt with as quickly as possible so that we can get it over before we have our conference.

"I cancelled my arrangements why doesn't he cancel his? It's the height of impertinence to say to the general secretary, 'I have got other pressing business, I can't see you until Thursday.' I will have to tell the executive that this just isn't on."

Mr Evans said he could not say whether there would have to be an inquiry until he had met Mr Wright and put his allegations to officials in the regions concerned.

Mr Wright said he had told Mr Evans's aide that he would not be able to see him before Thursday because he was dealing with a crisis over the closure of BR refinery at Llandarcy involving at least 700 jobs and also had urgent disciplinary matters arising from the docks strike last year that he could not put off. He had undertaken not to make any comment on the ballot allegations until he had seen Mr Evans.

The SDP leader, Dr David Owen, yesterday urged the Government to suspend all union workplace ballots on the continuation of political levies because of the TGWU controversy. He said the TGWU was using exactly the same system for the levy ballot as it had used for the election. He suggested that the Certification Officer, the Government's official overseer of union rules and finances, should investigate the TGWU election ballot as part of his statutory responsibility to approve procedures for the political fund ballots.

Mr Evans said that the Certification Officer was welcome to investigate the election, but added: "Why not have postal ballots for everything, including the election of Dr Owen? There are about 30 million entitled to vote in general elections and 10 million entitled to vote in union elections and he wants to treat us as a class apart."

CB man killed

A CB radio enthusiast Stephen Grindle, aged 27, of Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, died early yesterday when an aerial he was putting up touched power cables.

Missing cadets found safe

Four army cadets from Hamilton, Lanarkshire, and a captain missing overnight in the mountains of Argyll were found safe and well yesterday.

The cadets, three girls and a boy, were on a hill walking trip when they got into difficulties in bad weather above Loch Long. An army sergeant with the party went for help and pinpointed their position for the rescue team.

Card collectors' day of deals

Collectors from all over Britain gathered in London yesterday to wheel and deal in cigarette cards at the annual convention of the Cartophilic Society.

"For most people it is merely an enjoyable hobby but at auction a single card has sold for £300 and a set for £3,000," said the society's spokesman, Mr John Walter.

New Atlantic record set

Round-the-world yachtsman Robin Knox-Johnston broke his own British record for crossing the Atlantic by 15 hours when he arrived off the Lizard yesterday morning in the 60ft catamaran, british Airways 1.

Mr Knox-Johnston and his four crew set the record of 10 days 14 hours and 18 minutes, returning from a race from Malaga to the Dominican Republic.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy after bright start

A FRONTAL trough of low pressure will move eastwards across most areas today but will be only a weak feature in the south.

London, SE, E England, E Anglia: Bright start. Becoming cloudy. A little rain in places. Wind SW light. Max. temp. 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

East S, NW, East N, NE England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Bright start. Becoming rather cloudy with rain or drizzle at times. Wind S, moderate. Max 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

SW England, Wales, Lake District, N Ireland: Rather cloudy. Rain or drizzle at times. Some hill and coastal fog. Wind SW, moderate. Max 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, East Highlands, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Bright at first. Becoming cloudy with rain, heavy in places. Wind SE, moderate, becoming fresh or strong. Max. 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Rain, heavy at times. Some hill fog. Wind fresh or strong. Max 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

Outlook: Rain at times in the north. Mainly dry in the south with sunny intervals. Temperatures mostly above normal but becoming rather warm in the south.

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

The figures give in order, time and visibility, time of rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

London

Cosmos 15B: 22.02–22.03 N 10N N: 23.39–23.42 NNW 20NNE NE*; (April 16) 1.16–1.17 NW 20NW NW*

Cosmos 229: 22.03–22.04 WSW 10SW SW.

Cosmos 1427: 21.15–21.21 W 30NW NNE; 22.55–22.56 NNW 10NNW N.

Dynamic Explorer: 22.08–22.15 SSW 40W NNW.

Intercosmos 19R: 20.55–21.02 SW 55W NNE.

Meteor: 21.23–21.25 NE 20E E*; 22.57–23.01 N 55W W*.

Manchester

Cosmos 5B: 22.00–22.04 NW 15N NNE; 23.38–23.42 NNW 20NNE NE*; (April 16) 1.15–1.17 NW 30NW NW*.

Cosmos 1423: 21.23–21.25 NW 15NNW N; 22.59–23.00 N 15NNE NNE*.

Cosmos 1427: 21.15–21.21 WSW 45NW NNE; 22.57–22.57 NW 15NNW NNE; (April 16) 0.32–0.34 N 10NNE NNE.

Dynamic Explorer: 22.08–22.16 SSW 50W NNW.

Intercosmos 19R: 20.56–21.02 SSW 75W NNE; 22.38–22.41 WNW 15NW NNW.

Meteor 5B: 21.23–21.25 ENE 15E E*; 22.57–23.01 N 75NNW SW*; (April 1) 0.33–0.36 NNW 15WNW WNW.

AROUND THE WORLD

LUNCH TIME REPORTS

Ajaccio	C	14	57	Los Angeles	S	16	61
Algiers	C	18	64	Luxembourg	R	5	41
Amsterdam	C	9	48	Madrid	S	14	57
Athens	F	16	61	Majorca	R	15	59
Bahrain	S	28	82	Malaga	S	19	66
Barbados	S	29	84	Malta	C	17	63
Barcelona	F	15	59	Manchester	C	8	46
Belgrade	S	19	66	Melbourne	C	25	77
Beirut	S	20	68	Mexico C	F	19	66
Berlin	S	22	72	Montreal	F	0	32
Biarritz	R	10	50	Moscow	S	9	48
Birmingham	C	12	54	Munich	F	9	48
Bombay	C	0	48	Nairobi	C	23	73
Bordeaux	S	21	70	Naples	C	14	57
Boston	S	11	52	Nassau	F	27	81
Boulogne	S	6	43	Newcastle	R	8	46
Bristol	C	11	52	New Delhi	S	30	86
Brussels	R	9	48	New York	S	13	55
Budapest	F	14	57	Nice	S	20	68
Buenos A	C	22	72	Oporto	S	16	61
Cape Town	R	19	66	Oslo	C	4	39
Casablanca	F	20	68	Paris	C	9	48
Cologne	R	9	48	Peking	S	22	72
Copenhagen	R	5	41	Perth	S	23	73
Corfu	C	15	59	Prague	F	9	48
Dublin	C	11	52	Reykjavik	S	3	37
Dubrovnik	F	14	57	Rhodes	F	19	66
Edinburgh	F	11	52	Rio de Ja	C	26	79
Faro	S	24	75	Rome	C	15	59
Florence	F	16	61	Salzburg	F	9	48
Frankfurt	C	7	45	Seoul	C	19	66
Funchal	C	17	63	Stockholm	C	4	39
Geneva	C	8	46	Strasbourg	C	11	52
Gibraltar	S	21	70	Sydney	S	23	73
Glasgow	F	9	48	Tangier	S	25	77
Helsinki	F	7	45	Tel-Aviv	S	20	68
Hong Kong	R	19	66	Tenerife	F	21	70
Innsbruck	F	11	52	Tokyo	S	13	55
Jerusalem	F	10	50	Tunis	F	17	63
Istanbul	F	11	52	Valencia	S	20	68
Karachi	S	22	72	Vancouver	C	12	54
Larnaca	S	22	72	Venice	F	15	59
Las Palmas	F	20	68	Vienna	C	12	54
Lisbon	S	17	63	Warsaw	F	8	46
Locarno	C	18	64	Washington	S	24	75
London	C	10	50	Zurich	C	9	48

C Cloudy; F Fair; Fo Fog; R Rain; S Sunny; Sn Snow.

* Previous day's readings.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	8.56 pm to 5.51 am
Birmingham	8.35 pm to 5.33 am
Bristol	8.36 pm to 5.49 am
Glasgow	8.52 pm to 5.41 am
London	8.26 pm to 5.33 am
Manchester	8.39 pm to 5.38 am
Newcastle	8.50 pm to 5.32 am
Nottingham	8.34 pm to 5.35 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	11.30 am	11.58 pm
Dover	9.22 am	9.33 pm
Liverpool	9.05 am	9.47 pm

SUN RISES 6.06 am
SUN SETS 7.56 pm
MOON RISES 5.10 am
MOON SETS 2.43 pm
MOON: New April 20.

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday.

	Sunshine hours	Rain ins	Max temp C	Max temp F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND					
London	7.3	.06	12	54	Showers pm
Birmingham	7.4	.08	11	52	Hail pm
Bristol	7.1	.02	9	48	Showers pm
Norwich	10.1	.11	12	54	Showers pm
Blackpool	2.5	.14	9	48	Rain
Manchester	1.5	.13	9	48	Showers pm
Nottingham	4.7	.06	11	52	Showers pm
Newcastle	4.2	.01	10	50	Showers pm
Carlisle	1.4	.10	9	48	Showers
EAST COAST					
Tynemouth	5.0	.07	9	48	Showers pm
Scarborough	6.4	.12	10	50	Sunny am
Bridlington	6.5	.10	11	52	Sunny am
Cromer	—	.11	12	54	Sunny
Lowestoft	8.6	.07	12	54	Showers pm
Clacton	6.6	.04	12	54	Sunny
Margate	—	.04	12	54	Bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	6.0	.17	11	52	Hail pm
Hastings	7.3	.10	10	50	Sunny
Eastbourne	8.6	.15	10	50	Rain am
Brighton	—	.10	9	48	Sunny
Worthing	8.4	.09	11	52	Showers
Littlehampton	8.3	.11	11	52	Sunny
Bognor Regis	9.0	.09	11	52	Showers
Hayling I.	8.6	.11	10	50	Hail pm
Southsea	7.7	.08	10	50	Sunny
Ryde	8.3	.15	10	50	Showers
Sandown	9.2	.16	10	50	Showers pm
Ventnor	8.9	.12	9	48	Showers
Bournemouth	7.4	.20	10	50	Hail am
Poole	6.5	.20	11	52	Showers
Swanage	7.2	.24	11	52	Sunny
Weymouth	8.2	.13	11	52	Showers
Exmouth	8.1	.16	11	52	Showers
Teignmouth	7.3	.20	10	50	Sunny
Torquay	7.7	.20	11	52	Sunny
Falmouth	—	.10	11	52	Showers
Penzance	7.9	.10	11	52	Hail am
Isles of Scilly	8.5	.06	11	52	Gale
Jersey	9.6	.39	11	52	Thunder
Guernsey	9.7	.41	11	52	Hail am
WEST COAST					
Newquay	5.9	.14	11	52	Showers
Ilfracombe	1.7	.25	10	50	Rain
Southport	1.5	.15	9	48	Showers pm
Morecambe	0.7	.32	9	48	Showers
Douglas	3.6	.27	10	50	Showers pm
WALES					
Cardiff	5.6	.13	10	50	Showers
Anglesey	1.8	.01	10	50	Showers pm
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	0.8	.33	7	45	Showers
Prestwick	3.6	.05	10	50	Hail pm
Glasgow	2.6	.10	10	50	Hail
Tiree	5.3	.32	10	50	Showers
Stornoway	2.9	.09	9	48	Cloudy
Lerwick	7.9	.89	10	50	Sunny
Wick	8.0	.01	10	50	Sunny
Kinloss	4.1	.02	11	52	Showers pm
Aberdeen	4.8	—	10	50	Bright
St Andrews	5.4	.02	11	52	Showers pm
Edinburgh	2.4	.02	11	52	Showers pm
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	2.8	.17	10	50	Showers

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday.

	Sunshine hours	Rain ins	Max temp C	Max temp F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND					
London	3.4	.01	13	55	Bright pm
Birmingham	6.4	.12	11	52	Showers
Bristol	7.0	.05	12	54	Sunny am
Norwich	1.0	.33	9	48	Showers
Blackpool	7.2	.15	10	50	Sunny pm
Manchester	4.6	.11	10	50	Sunny pm
Nottingham	3.6	.11	10	50	Showers am
Newcastle	4.0	.10	11	52	Thndr pm
Carlisle	5.1	.05	11	52	Showers pm
EAST COAST					
Tynemouth	3.5	.24	10	50	Thunder pm
Scarborough	2.7	.20	12	54	Cloudy
Bridlington	8.0	.20	11	52	Thunder pm
Cromer	—	.14	9	48	Rain
Lowestoft	2.8	.17	11	52	Showers
Clacton	3.1	.06	11	52	Bright pm
Margate	*	.02	10	50	Cloudy
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	2.3	.02	11	52	Cloudy
Hastings	2.6	.06	12	54	Bright
Eastbourne	7.3	—	13	55	Bright
Brighton	*	.02	12	54	Sunny
Worthing	9.9	—	14	57	Sunny
Littlehampton	10.0	.01	13	55	Sunny
Bognor Regis	11.5	—	13	55	Sunny
Hayling I.	10.0	—	13	55	Sunny
Southsea	11.3	.01	13	55	Sunny
Ryde	11.4	.02	12	54	Sunny
Sandown	11.8	—	13	55	Sunny
Ventnor	10.8	.01	13	55	Sunny
Bournemouth	9.5	.03	13	55	Sunny
Poole	10.8	.02	13	55	Sunny
Swanage	10.9	.04	13	55	Sunny
Weymouth	10.2	.01	13	55	Sunny
Exmouth	8.5	.01	12	54	Sunny
Teignmouth	9.7	.01	13	55	Sunny
Torquay	9.6	.02	13	55	Sunny
Falmouth	9.2	—	12	54	Sunny
Penzance	10.0	—	12	54	Sunny
Is of Scilly	9.2	—	11	52	Sunny
Jersey	11.0	.16	13	55	Sunny
Guernsey	9.8	—	12	54	Gale am
WEST COAST					
Newquay	7.8	—	13	55	Sunny
Ilfracombe	7.7	.01	11	52	Sunny
Southport	6.2	.05	10	50	Bright pm
Morecambe	4.8	.17	10	50	Bright
Douglas	8.9	.20	10	50	Showers am
WALES					
Cardiff	7.9	.12	12	54	Shwrs pm
Anglesey	2.8	.02	13	55	Sunny am
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	8.9	.18	10	50	Showers
Prestwick	6.7	.06	10	50	Showers am
Glasgow	6.6	.01	10	50	Bright
Tiree	4.3	.05	10	50	Showers
Stornoway	8.5	.13	10	50	Shwrs pm
Lerwick	0.5	—	8	46	Showers
Wick	5.8	.03	10	50	Showers
Kinloss	3.9	.30	10	50	Showers
Aberdeen	8.1	.01	11	52	Showers
St Andrews	5.8	.09	12	54	Showers
Edinburgh	6.7	.02	12	54	Showers
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	7.9	.06	11	52	Showers

LONDON READINGS

From 7 pm Friday to 7 am Saturday: Min temp 7C (45F). From 7 am to 7 pm Saturday: Max temp 12C (54F). Total period: sunshine, 7.3 hrs; rain, 0.06in.

From 7 pm Saturday to 7 am yesterday: Min temp 7C (45F). From 7 am to 7 pm yesterday: Max temp 13C (55F). Total period: sunshine, 3.4 hrs; rain, 0.01in.

SCOTTISH SKI REPORTS

Cairngorm: Upper runs and middle runs complete, wet snow on a firm base. Lower slopes, snow cover patchy wet snow. Vertical runs, 1,400ft. Roads: Clear. Snow level: 2,400ft.

Glenshee: Insufficient snow.

Glencoe (open Sats., Suns. Mons only): Upper runs, complete, wet snow. Lower slopes, limited nursery areas, wet snow. Vertical runs, 1,000ft. Roads, clear. Snow level: 2,300ft.

Lecht: Upper and lower runs, no snow. Middle runs, snow cover patchy. Vertical runs, 400ft. Roads, clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Fortcast: Low cloud and drizzle followed by rain, falling as sleet or snow on higher hills. Freezing level 4,500ft.

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 7 pm Friday to 7 am Saturday: Min temp 5C (41F). From 7 am to 7 pm Saturday: Max temp 9C (48F). Total period: sunshine, 1.5 hrs; rain, 0.08in.

From 7 pm Saturday to 7am yesterday: Min temp 6C (43F). From 7 am to 7 pm yesterday: Max temp 10C (50F). Total period: sunshine, 5.7 hrs; rain, 0.11in.

SEA PASSAGES

All Passages: Slight.

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